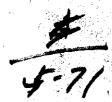
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TOPINGS TOKYO TOKYO SHIMBUN 7 APR 71 MOPNING EDITION P & TOTAL TOPING SIHAHOUK, FORMER CHIEF OF STATE OF CAMBODIA NOW IN EXILE IN PEKING, ON 6 SIX APRIL ANSWERED BY TELEGRAPH TOKYO SHIMBUN'S QUESTIONNAIRE ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WAR



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IN INDOCHINA. THE QUESTIONNAIRE HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM
FOLLOWING THE BEGINNING OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT
FORCES' INCURSION INTO LAOS ON 8 EIGHT FFBRUARY. IN THIS REPLY,
PRINCE SIHANOUK EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE FORCES' OPERATION IN LAOS VAS A FAILURE: B) U.S.
PRESIDENT NIXON HAS FAILED IN HIS VIETNAMIZATION POLICY:
C) THE FRONT OF THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES WILL ATTAIN
ULTIMATE VICTORY. THE CONTENTS OF PRINCE SIHANOUK'S
ANSWERS TO THIS NEWSPAPER'S QUESTIONNAIRE FOLLOW:

QUESTION: THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FORCES' INCURSION INTO LAOS SEEMS TO HAVE SPREAD THE WAR LITERALLY ALL OVER THE INDOCHINA AREA. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION?

ANSWER: AS A CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL U.S. NEWSPAPER ITSELF
HAS ADMITTED, THE NOTORIOUS MILITARY INTRUSION INTO SOUTHERN
LAOS BY THE MERCENARY ARMY OF U.S. IMPERIALISM HAS ENDED IN TOTAL
FAILURE. U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON ALSO DEPLOYED SEVERAL MERCENARY
DIVISIONS OF SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH UNDER U.S. AIR COVER AGAINST
OUR NATIONAL UNITED FRONT IN CAMBODIA, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE
KRATIE AND STUNG TRENS, BOTH POINTS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

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ALONG A HIGHWAY LEADING TO SOUTHERN LAGS. HOWEVER, OUR
PEOPLE'S ARMY OVERWHELMED THE FNEMY FORCES AND FORCED THEM
BACK TO THEIR STARTING POINTS. THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE
PEOPLES' ARMED FORCES HAVE ALSO WON COMPLETE VICTORIES IN
NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA, AT THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL BATTLEFRONTS
ALONG HIGHWAY 9 NINE IN SOUTHERN LAGS, AND AT WHE SANH IN
SOUTH VIETNAM ALIKE.

THEST HAVE PROVED THAT U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON, THE U.S. FORCES, AND THE SATELLITE FORCES CAN NEVER SEPARATE THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES' FORCES OR INTERDICT THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL --NOR CAN THEY OVERWHELM OR WEAKEN THESE FORCES--AND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S "VIETNAMIZATION" POLICY WAS A COMMETTE FAILURE.

COMPLETE FAILURE.

QUESTION: THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S.

MILITARY QUARTERS IN VIETNAM BELIEVE THAT THE WAR CAN BE
BROUGHT TO AN END BY STRIKING AT THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL AND
THE ADVANCE POSTS OF THE COMMUNIST FORCES. WHAT DO YOU THINK
IN THIS CONNECTION?

IN THIS CONNECTION!

ANSWER: THE U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY QUARTERS.

ATTEMPT TO END THE INDOCHINA WAR BY REPRESSING THE 3 THREE

PAGE 5 RUADFBARRIE UNCLAS INDOCHINESE PEDMLES' MILITARY RESISTANCE AND OVERTHROWING OUR REGIMES IN TOTALLY HOPELESS. THE WAR WILL CERTAINLY COME TO AN END SOME DAY. HOVEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE WITH THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE UNITED FRONT OF THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES. NEITHER PRESIDENT NIXON NOR HIS TACTICAL NUCLEAR VEAPONS CAN DRIVE THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES INTO THE OCEAN OR EXPEL THEM FROM INDOCHINA.
QUESTION: HOW ABOUT YOUR POLICY TOWARD A NEW SITUATION

IN INDOCHINA?

ANSVER: THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PROFLES ARE DETERMINED TO CARRY ON BOTH PEOPLE'S WAR AND GUERRILLA STRUGGLES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. THIS DOES NOTT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL refrain from Launching Ordinary Localized Offensives.

WE WANT TO WIN A FINAL VICTORY OVER U.S. IMPERIALISM NOTT BY LAUNCHING SUICIDAL ATTACKS BUT BY CARRYING ON A STEADY WAR WHICH IS SURE TO ACHIEVE A FINAL OBJECTIVE.

QUESTION: WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE? ANSVER: IN 1971 NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE.
TO INTENSIFY OUR STRUGGLES IN VAPIOUS LOCALITIES, STRENGTHEN
OUR MILITARY AND POLITICAL FOOTING IN LIBERATED AREAS, TRY

PAGE 6 RUADFBAPRIR UNCLAS TO RETRIEVE ENEMY--OCCUPIED AREAS ONE BY ONE BY USING THIS FIRM FOOTING. AND GRADUALLY ISOLATE CITIES WHICH ARE UNDER

THE CONTROL OF THE ENEMY.
QUESTION: IS THERE ANY RELIABLE INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN LOST ON CAMBODIAN BATTLEFIELDS SINCE LAST YEAR?

ANSWER: I DO NOTI KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CORRESPONDENTS. BUT I HAVE A PROFOUND SYMPATHY FOR THEM. WITH RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP. NORODOM SIHANOUK. (7 APR) GRESHAM 89/1828Z APR BT

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