

SIHANOUK ADDRESSES 'LIBERATED ZONE' RALLY, 23 MARCH

Voice of the National United Front of Cambodia [Clandestine] in Cambodian to Cambodia
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[Third installment of special program on visit to liberated zone of Cambodia by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and NUFC chairman, dedicated to speech by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and NUFC chairman, at grand meeting 23 March 1973--recorded; second installment of special program to be published at a later date]

[Text] [Applause, then Sihanouk's voice is heard]: I would like to pay my respect to all beloved venerable monks. My respect, esteem, love and thoughts to Your Excellency Deputy Premier Khieu Samphan, to Your Excellencies Minister Hou Youn and Hu Nim, to gentlemen and ladies the leaders of our nation within the framework of the NUFC, members of the RGNUC, cadres of all the NUFC organizations and of the CPNLAF; my respect to all beloved elders, brothers and comrades-in-arms. It is my greatest pleasure to be honored and fortunate enough to be able to come back to the fatherland--the object of my constant thoughts--which is dearer to me than my own life, after being forced to live away from it for over 3 years. To me it is like a dream to be able to see again the faces of the venerable monks, ladies, gentlemen, brothers and friends in this great, marvelous and excellent place--that is, in the Angkor temple area which is the purest symbol of the glorious, indestructible power of our Cambodian nation, and which has been the symbol for 3 years now of the heroic, courageous, powerful and invincible struggle of the Cambodian people, the resounding, worldwide famous and victorious struggle of the Cambodian people [applause] who are dealing the most crushing blows on the heads of the U.S. imperialist colonialists who have committed the most savage and barbaric aggression against our fatherland with the connivance and permission of the arch-antinational, country-selling clique of traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Son Ngoc Thanh, In Tam, Lon Non and Hang Thun Hak, whose greed for power, wealth and dollars is beyond imagination.

I would like to tell the venerable monks, ladies, gentlemen, brothers and comrades-in-arms that my worst sufferings in the past 3 years did not arise from the fact that the Lon Nolite clique has robbed me of my personal power; nor were they caused by the malevolent, harm-intending, unjust, slanderous propaganda of this clique against me. The sorrow and sufferings that have glowed in my heart for the past 3 years originate from the fact that our country and nation, which enjoyed genuine independence, sovereignty, neutrality, territorial integrity, peace, progress and prestige for 16 years, lost all these supreme attributes when the archcriminal coup d'etat of the Lon Nolite clique was carried out. Our country and nation, moreover, have been devastated and destroyed by this clique and its master--U.S. imperialist colonialism. They have bled our people white. They have pushed our nation into a chasm of all kinds of misery, hardships and sufferings, into boundless danger, and into an ignominy never before experienced by our nation in its two-millennial history. The Lon Nolite clique has claimed, and has forced the venerable monks living in Phnom Penh to claim, to the nation and international opinion that it was Norodom Sihanouk who caused the Cambodian nation great sufferings, danger and infamy. How could I have any power to, and could I possibly, be in the position of creating this hell-like situation, when they had already stripped me of all state powers and compelled me to be separated from the fatherland for more than 3 years? The venerable monks and people in the provinces and towns of our country are well-aware that this arch-hellish situation is only the making of the Lon Nolite clique and its master--that is the U.S. imperialist colonialists, headed by Richard Nixon.

Because the venerable monks and compatriots realized this truth, they arose and listened to the message I made on 23 March 1970. Our people then took up arms and waged an unwavering courageous struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys--the Nguyen Van Thieu Saigon clique, the Kittikachon Bangkok gang and the Lon Nol cohorts--to date, liberating 90 percent of Cambodian territory, our fatherland [applause, and shouts of "Long live the father of peace!" "Long live the samdech head of state chairman of the NUFC!"]

My worst sufferings and heartache during the past 3 years have also been caused by the fact that I was unable to quit my exile and return to the soil of our fatherland to participate and share the joy and sorrow and the hardships shoulder-to-shoulder with the people and combatants in this era of historic struggle. However, at present I am utterly moved, deeply elated and greatly pleaded over the fact that all the gentlemen heroes who are the leaders of the internal section of the NUFC, such as His Excellency Deputy Premier Khieu Samphan, Their Excellencies Ministers Hou Youn and Hun Nim and His Excellency Sun Seng, have enabled me, with the warmest brotherhood, to return to the fatherland to join the joy and sorrow with my beloved and respected compatriots. [applause]

When I first stepped from Lao territory into Cambodia, and until now when I am standing on Phnom Kulen of the marvelous land of the Angkor temple region, I almost do not believe that it is real. I think it is a dream, for I have waited for over 3 years when I would see again the soil and people of Cambodia. At that time when I dreamed of this it seemed inaccessible to me. In longing to return to the fatherland I do not desire to take back any state power or personal benefits whatsoever.

During the past 3 years I have received from the NUFC at home the mission to serve and defend the supreme interests of the independent and neutral Cambodian nation and to strengthen and expand the power and prestige of the Cambodian people's resistance movement for national liberation on the international scene because the peoples of many countries in the world have known me as Cambodia's representative and as symbol of the independence, neutrality, unity and peace of the Cambodia nation and a symbol of the struggle of the Cambodian people against the U.S. imperialist aggression. I have fulfilled this task most loyally for the nation, the compatriots and fatherland without sparing any physical or intellectual efforts. In this sense, I would like to extend my loftiest congratulations and homage to the people, combatants, cadres of our NUFC and leaders of the Internal Section at home for the great heroism and grandiose victories in both the liberation struggle and the revolutionary field, which have excellently contributed to the satisfactory successes of my sacred mission abroad. At present, many states and governments in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe that love independence, freedom, democracy, justice and peace and that hate and despise U.S. imperialist colonialism have solemnly proclaimed that they officially recognize, under international law, that the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, based on the National United Front of Cambodia, is the sole government of the Cambodian state, nation and people. [applause, and shouts "Long live the samdech head of state and chairman of the NUFC!"]

All world conferences with the objectives of defending freedom and justice of humanity have also resolutely supported the NUFC, the RGNUC and the CPNLAF in our struggle for national liberation and peace on the basis of independence and neutrality in compliance with the 23 March 1970 five-point declaration of the Cambodian head of state and with the political program of the NUFC. [applause and shouts "Long live the glorious NFUC!"]

The most significant international conference was that held by neutralist nonaligned countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. In 1972, this conference which was held in Georgetown, capital of Guyana, gave justice to our NUFC and RGNUC and gave us the great success of far-reaching repercussion when over 60 independent and neutral countries unanimously decided that it was not the sham republic of Lon Nol that represented Cambodia but the RGNUC under the victorious banner of the NUFC which is the legitimate representative of the Cambodian nation, people and state. [applause] This great success was achieved thanks to the sacrifices and great victories of our people, our NUFC and our CPNLF who at the time liberated 85 percent of the national territory. [applause]

On the internal plane in Cambodia as well as on the international plane in the world and in the military, political and diplomatic fields, the sham republican regime of the Lon Nolite clique is becoming more isolated than at any time before. Presently even the American press itself has confessed that the continued support to the Khmer Republic by the U.S. administration is the worst defeat and irreparable loss to the United States. [applause] Newspapers in the United States have written and carried numerous articles that have laid bare the despicable mask of the Lon Nolite clique's republic. They told the U.S. public and the free world peoples that the U.S. Government had made a fatal mistake in supporting, backing and sponsoring the archcorrupt republic that the Cambodian people and youth hold in utter contempt. The American newspapers commented in detail on all kinds of corruption in the Phnom Penh republican clique. The U.S. peoples nowadays are tired of the Lon Nolite republic which President Richard Nixon, the ringleader of the U.S. imperialist colonialists, determinedly insists on supporting, aiding and defending. Because it is his satellite, the U.S. Government is forced to supply all kinds of military aid to the Phnom Penh traitorous clique and order U.S. planes based in neighboring Thailand and Laos to daily violate Cambodian territorial airspace and to strafe and bomb day and night in an attempt to kill our nation in order to save the Lon Nolite antinational republic from a rapid end. [applause and hail].

When I had the great fortune to be able to return to the fatherland, in particular when I was in Stung Treng and Preah Vihear provinces before arriving in Siem Reap Province, I witnessed several U.S. air raids being incessantly carried out by U.S. planes of all types, day and night, strafing and bombing villages, rice fields and communications lines of our Cambodian people.

U.S. imperialism and its ringleader Richard Nixon help the antinational republic of the Lon Nol clique with military, political, diplomatic and psychological warfare. In the political, diplomatic and psychological fields the U.S. Government has initiated activities, made plans, taken measures and used means of all kinds, such as the use of dollars and threats, in order to prevent our NUFC and RGNUC from achieving victories and growth. Among the measures and means that U.S. imperialism has resorted to I would like to stress the following:

1. It has threatened Asia, African and Latin American states and governments receiving various aid, such as economic and financial aid, from the United States to reduce or completely cut its U.S. aid if they dare to make official, de jure recognition of the RGNUC. It assured these states and governments that if they recognize and support the Phnom Penh republic they will possibly receive more important aid. At least, these states and governments should take a neutral stance, that is, in case they do not desire to recognize or support the Phnom Penh republic they should avoid recognizing and supporting the RGNUC and NUFC.

2. It has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to sponsor the propaganda for the Lon Nol clique on the international scene. In particular, U.S. imperialism gave money to Long Boret, (Prom Thos), Prom Ketsavang, Keam Reth and so on to hire journalists and columnists of the international press, such as the French press, to report news 100 percent distorted from reality. For instance, they were paid to write that Lon Nol's regime is legal and complies with democratic ideals, that the Phnom Penh republic is joyously supported by the Cambodian people from all social strata and circles, that the RGNUC is a government bereft of state, legal or popular support whatsoever, that it is a government without land or a base in Cambodia, that it is a government in exile, that Norodom Sihanouk is a traitor and that he sold Cambodian territory to the Viet Cong and North Vietnam, that the patriotic heroes whom the people, the youths and Cambodian monks cherish, namely Mr Kieu Samphan, Hou Youn and Hu Nim, are ghost ministers slain by Sihanouk several years ago and that their bodies were buried near the Chamcar Mon Palace in Phnom Penh and that no Cambodian people are fighting the Phnom Penh republic, only Viet Cong and North Vietnamese who Sihanouk allowed to make aggression against Cambodia and live on Cambodian territory.

Regarding this dishonest propaganda, my colleagues and I living abroad have carried out all kinds of activities and taken various measures to tell the truth to the world and international opinion. I have frequently made contact with international journalists and international figures who visited China and asked them to explain the truth to other friendly countries in Asia, Europe and Africa. I have made statements, written articles and columns in newspapers, made speeches and have given conferences, and held interviews with press, radio and television correspondents several times a month. I have published books illustrated with articles and photographs, especially the photographs of our popular heroes, His Excellency Khieu Samphan and Hou Youn and Hu Nim in the liberated zone and in the struggle activities as well as the photographs of our people in their combat revolutionary activities, defense of the liberated zone, production, democratic activities in establishing the state power or people's power, education, training of combatants, public health and artistic activities and so on.

I have disseminated the photographs of our courageous, heroic and brilliant CPNLF which has rapidly matured and won fame and victory over the enemy in the struggle for national liberation [applause and hail]. Finally I have made state and official visits to countries that support and recognize our people, our NUFC and our RGNUC, such as Poland, Yugoslavia, Romania, Albania, Algeria and Mauritania, as well as the various great provinces and great cities in the PRC whose 800 million people resolutely support us [applause and hail]. If the mission with which our people and NUFC charge me and other compatriot figures such as Samdech Penn Nouth to fulfill abroad on the international scene is very successful, it is thanks to the undeniably important concrete, really great sacrifices and positively grandiose victories of our people, our NUFC and our CPNLF and the leadership of the Internal Section.

I therefore would like to take this solemn grand occasion to express the most profound admiration, gratitude and gratefulness to the venerable monks, Your Excellencies, gentlemen and all compatriots living in the great family of our NUFC [applause and hail].

U.S. imperialism is still savagely obdurate and still persists in aggressing against our Cambodia both in the military field and political, diplomatic and psychological fields.

The great family, that is the NUFC, is bound to increase the pace of its activities and increase the development of new and more efficient methods and weapons in order to drive the enemy into being even more isolated and crushed both in the military and political fields.

It is within the framework of this great strategy that I would like to express my sincere sentiments regarding the strategic significance of my being invited by the leaders of the internal section of our national front to return to the fatherland, to visit our liberated zone, to join in one body and share the joy and sorrow with the venerable monks and patriotic peoples and especially to unite with the hero leaders of the Internal Section, such as His Excellency Khieu Samphan, Hou Youn, Hu Nim and Sun Seng, as well as His Excellency Ieng Sary, who has escorted me from Peking [applause and hail].

The nature of the importance of this historic event is the following:

1. The propaganda machine of the United States and of the gang of Lon Nol in the international field has made international opinion and some of our close friends wonder why, if it is true that our NUFC has actually liberated over 85 percent of Cambodia, Head of State Sihanouk is not able to join the NUFC in the country. The propaganda of our enemy emphasized that actually our NUFC had not liberated territory at all. They said one-third of Cambodian territory was controlled by the Viet Cong-North Vietnamese forces. Thus, the fact that our NUFC in the country now accord me the warmest welcome and show allegiance filled with the most sincere brotherhood and goodwill at this moment, of which films and photographs are the most irrefutable proof, will therefore reduce to nothing this mendacious, cowardly propaganda of U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. Our friendly countries will consequently be even more proud of us. Those countries that desire to support us but still hesitate will no longer hesitate in extending support and recognition to the RGNUC. Unfriendly countries will be completely cornered [applause and shouts "Long live the NUFC"].

2. The fact that Their Excellencies Khieu Samphan, Hou Youn, Hu Nim and Sun Seng and cadres of various organizations of our NUFC as well as cadres of our CPNLF have led the resistance for independence and autonomy and have enabled me to ride in a car across several provinces, districts and villages--although the U.S. planes have been intensifying their activities against us--is another excellent proof showing to the whole world that the NUFC and RGNUC, the people's administrative power and the CPNLF are real, concrete and well-defined bodies in the country and control in true independence and autonomy 90 percent of Cambodian territory [applause] and enjoy 100 percent sovereignty in these areas with the support of the entire people. If this is not true I would not have succeeded in making this thousand-kilometer journey and this 1 month stay in the fatherland. This is another great victory that constitutes a mammoth blow to the heads of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, causing them to shamefully lose face before the world.

3. The main point of the propaganda of U.S. imperialism, its lackeys and the so-called "Free World" is their affirmation before international opinion that "Sihanouk's party" outside the country and the "Khmer Rouge" inside the country are enemies with no unity or friendship for each other at all. They further claimed that in our country those fighting the Lon Nol regime have no unity and that they are divided into four groups.

The first being the Khmer Rouge--an independent communist group; the second faction allegedly belongs to the Khmer Rumdoh under the tutelage of the Vietnamese communists; the third is represented by the pro-Sihanouk men who want to see Sihanouk returned to power; and the fourth belongs to the petty thieves.

In the world there are some international circles and some countries that have let themselves be impressed by the words of the enemy. Therefore, the considerable stock of films and photographs being taken will show to the world the reality of our NUFC and will prove that patriotic Cambodians who are loyal to the fatherland and who are waging a national liberation struggle, are united in one body and not divided in clans or groups of any kind. The thieves and robbers are only in the clique of traitor Lon Nol, Lon Non, Son Ngoc Thanh and Sirik Matak. [applause and hail]. Besides, there are not two royal governments. There is only one RGNUC of which a section is in the country and another is based abroad.

4. At present, in the regions that our NUFC has not yet liberated and in particular abroad, such as in France, some foreign circles and some Cambodian students have let themselves be misled by the mendacious propaganda of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique contending that the three popular heroes, namely Khieu Samphan, Hou Youn and Hu Nim, died several years ago. There is a Frenchman who used to work with me, (Charles Meyer). He wrote a book and he solemnly made an oath before Cambodian students in Paris that he witnessed the murder of Khieu Samphan, Hou Youn and Hu Nim by Sihanouk and that their bodies were buried near the Chamcar Mon Palace. Many Cambodian students abroad consequently believed (Charles Meyer's) words. They even stated that the NUFC is in fact a good movement but if the chairman of this front really murdered the heroes of the Cambodian youths and intellectuals as claimed, the students could not join the NUFC. When they have the irrefutable proof that the three heroes are actually alive they will certainly rally to the NUFC and fight the regime of Lon Nol without fail.

Consequently, the films will show to our nation and the whole world that our three eminent popular heroes are alive. This will even further isolate U.S. imperialism and the Lon Nol clique because on the one hand the people, workers, students, schoolchildren, officials and soldiers in Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kampot, Kompong Cham and so on whose nature is not corrupt and reactionary will be completely disgusted by the archcorrupt republic of Lon Nol and will desert it without a backward glance in order to rally to our NUFC and will be extremely encouraged to make all kinds of activities in support of our NUFC and CPNLAF until Phnom Penh and Cambodia is 100 percent liberated [applause]. On the other hand on the international plane, international opinion will be strongly shaken by this, thus providing greater international support for our NUFC and RGNUC.

5. Within the framework of the dishonest, mendacious propaganda of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, traitor Long Boret has disseminated on the international plane misleading reports that the Cambodian people have resolutely rejected Sihanouk and have energetically supported his republic. Traitor Danh Sanh informed international opinion that Norodom Sihanouk will possibly not be able to return to his fatherland. Danh Sanh added that if Sihanouk is able to come to Cambodia, wherever it may be, his republic will ask its supermasters, meaning the United States, to send out B-52's, C-130's and F-105's to strafe and drop bombs and napalm on the region involved even though it would mean the destruction of an entire district or village.

Traitor Kean Reth told U.S., British and French newspapermen that Sihanouk could return to the fatherland only if his government authorizes him to do so, and that his government would authorize Sihanouk to return to Cambodia only if Sihanouk agrees to be brought before the military tribunal of his clique and be sentenced to execution by firing squad. Therefore, my long journey and stay in Cambodia among the venerable monks, people, combatants and patriotic Cambodian figures will shake the whole world and will inflict a most shameful and crushing defeat on U.S. imperialism and the antinational republic of the gang of Lon Nol.

Therefore, many other freedom, justice and peace-loving countries, states and governments that have not yet done so will certainly extend official, de jure recognition to our RGNUC, thus enabling it to wipe out the degrading brand of "government in exile."

On the national plane, all our people both in the liberated zone and in the regions that the gang of traitor Lon Nol temporarily controls will be overfilled with joy and profoundly moved by this. Even among the officials, ministers, soldiers and civil employees serving the Phnom Penh regime there will be many who will be aroused and change their minds to rally to our NUFC and RGNUC. This is another great victory of our people and national liberation resistance [applause and shouts "Long live the glorious NUFC!"].

In conclusion, I would like to once again express my great pleasure, emotion and joy at being honored and being fortunate to be able to coexist in one body and in the same family filled with sincere love, confidence and mutual esteem with the venerable monks, brothers and comrades-in-arms here present. I would also like to extend my heartiest and most enthusiastic admiration, congratulations and gratitude to the venerable monks, brothers and comrades-in-arms for their supreme sacrifices that have contributed to the liberation of 90 percent of our Cambodia and the restoration of freedom, independence, territorial integrity, sovereignty and progress in this territory and for the first establishment in the history of our nation of popular power and popular administration imbued with 100 percent democratic character [applause and hail] and marked with 100 percent soundness, the only state with such attributes among noncommunist Asian countries.

Although the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys are persisting in carrying on with their war of aggression and aggressive intervention by sending planes to strafe and bomb the liberated zone every day, the venerable monks, gentlemen and comrades-in-arms, that is all our Cambodian people, have still managed to make considerable achievements in all fields causing the people's standard of living throughout the liberated zone to become prosperous and plentiful in sharp contrast to the life of misery, suffering and insecurity of the people who are forced to live under the archcorrupt, fascist thumb of the gang of traitor Lon Nol. I am filled with untold admiration and pride to be able to witness with my own eyes all the great successes of our NUFC in producing everything that makes the lives of the people in the liberated zone easy and prosperous since the prices of consumer goods are very low, whereas the living standards in the republic of traitor Lon Nol are bad and the poor people in Phnom Penh are in agony because the prices of goods have skyrocketed, leaving them to starve to death.

I would like to express my admiration at the great progress in the field of management and community development as well as communications that I have seen with my eyes.

I also would like to again express my admiration and love to the compatriot combatants who are the valiant members of our CPNLAF and who have brought the honor and prestige of our Cambodian nation and race to the peak by demonstrating their incomparable, noble and pure heroism and patriotism [applause]. Our combatants have abandoned all personal and family interests and have sacrificed their lives and blood to the nation and fatherland, refusing wages or rank whereas the Lon Nol-Son Ngoc Thanh clique is greedy for titles, rank, wealth, dollars and so on. The traitors have no courage. They only know how to rob the nation and plunder the people. They have lost all traces of national Cambodian spirit, ideal or consciousness. This has consequently led big newspapers, such as the New York TIMES of the United States, and big news agencies, including the big U.S. UPI, to spread throughout the world at present articles praising the CPNLAF and expressing contempt for the armed forces of traitor Lon Nol. They stress that the national liberation movement of the Cambodian people is real and that the CPNLAF--they call it the "Khmer Rouge" and recognize it as being completely Cambodian--is real and is maturing both in [word indistinct] and in capability.

As for the forces of the gang of traitor Lon Nol and Son Ngoc Thanh, they underline that they are complete cowards who survive only because of the continual intervention of U.S. planes. They are smart only when it comes to stealing U.S. dollars, embezzling national funds, robbing the people and manhandling and persecuting unarmed women, children and aged people. Therefore, the prestige of our independent and neutral Cambodia has reached a brilliant peak because of the incomparably great contribution of our heroes and heroines, our people and NUFC--whose feats are engraved in golden letters in the history of Cambodia and will always be remembered by the world with awe and admiration [applause]. Now that cease-fire has been observed in Vietnam and Laos, the ability of our Cambodian struggle will become even more outstanding and the power and prestige of our NUFC will become greater because we are united in one rocklike bloc. Our unity is harder than steel in our war, while our position regarding the political and peace problems in Cambodia is unchanged. Our attitude is one of absolute refusal to accept a sham and temporary peace that does not have full independence, neutrality, and national territorial integrity as its basis. We must carry on the struggle and launch onslaughts against the antinational and archcorrupt republic of the Lon Nol clique and its masters, the U.S. imperialists. We resolutely refuse to negotiate or compromise, that is, we will continue to fight them until the end and until 100 percent of our Cambodia is liberated so that our people can build a fully peaceful, prosperous, glorious, free and democratic Cambodia [applause].

It is in this solid and unwavering sentiment that I would like to take leave of the venerable monks and say goodbye to all my beloved, respected compatriots with all my constant thoughts and deep nostalgia [applause].

In the big countries that are our best friends, such as the PRC, the DRV and the DPRK, and in the missions that I am bound to fulfill on behalf and in the supreme interests of our nation, our country and our people in Europe and Africa in next May and June [words indistinct] of the Cambodian people and our CPNLAF. They will certainly support us and our national liberation movement as much as they can [applause].

I pray to all protective deities and spirits to protect the venerable monks and all my beloved and respected compatriots. I wish all of you longevity, good health, strength and happiness. I also wish you great, brilliant victories in the struggle for national liberation and for the construction of an independent and neutral Cambodia on the basis of full territorial integrity and genuine democracy so that it can be prosperous and developed in accordance with the desire and aspiration of all our 7 million people [applause].

Long live the Cambodian people! [applause and shouts: "Long live!"]; Long live the people's power! [applause and shouts: "Long live!"]; Long live the NUPC! [Shouts: "Long live!"] Long live the CPNLAF! [shouts: "Long live!"]; long live our national liberation [applause and shouts]

AKI ON U.S. ESCALATION OF CAMBODIA WAR

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[Text] Cambodia 9 April AKI--Bellicosity, obstinacy, perfidy and unfaithfulness are the unchangeable nature and characteristics of international imperialism led by U.S. imperialism, which the Nixon administration typifies. Failing to draw a lesson from the heavy defeats of their policy of force aimed at (?subduing) the people in small countries such as Korea, Cuba and especially Vietnam, the U.S. imperialist aggressors headed by Nixon--the most obstinate, bellicose and international murderer--have fallen back into the old groove by escalating the war of aggression in Cambodia.

In late 1972 the U.S. imperialists gave the Phnom Penh traitors a large quantity of arms, aircraft, munitions and war equipment. Then they openly used Pochentong airport as a base for their aircraft to bomb Cambodian territory. More seriously, for more than a month the U.S. imperialists have sent aircraft including the B-52's and ultramodern F-111's to savagely bomb many areas in Cambodia. At his press conference in Washington on 27 March, White House spokesman Ziegler stated that there was no time limit for such bombings.

Concerning the intensity of bombings, AP reported on 3 April that according to information sources the bombings (in Cambodia) were generalized and seemed to go beyond the limits of military support to be given the ground forces. The same sources likened these bombings to the air operations launched against Hanoi and Haiphong in December 1972.

By resorting to frantic bombings can the United States achieve its daydream of saving the Phnom Penh traitors from distress and inevitable defeat, thwarting the CPNLAF offensive and intimidating and subduing the Cambodian people who have a historic tradition of protracted struggle against aggressors for more than 2,000 years?

The realities of the battlefield have demonstrated that as long as the Nixon administration steps up military aid to the Phnom Penh traitors and intensified bombings in Cambodia, the Cambodian people and CPNLAF will redouble their attacks even in the last den of the [U.S.] lackeys in Phnom Penh. The other cities and urban centers which are still temporarily controlled by the enemy such as Takeo, Kompong Thom, Svay Rieng, Prey Veng, Neak Luong, Angkassom and so forth have been encircled and attacked continuously. All strategic communication lines by ground and rivers have been completely cut.

In its 4 April dispatch UPI reported: Today the communist forces attack the last supply line to Phnom Penh (Route 4).

The overall situation of the Phnom Penh traitors' regime is very critical. A UPI dispatch on 3 April said: The besieged Takeo provincial capital remains the most critical battleground. The situation in Kep--a seaside resort--is also considered critical. The situation in the Kompong Thom provincial capital and along Route 1 and on the Mekong is also described as critical.

REUTER on 4 April reported: Today the (traitorous) National Assembly of Cambodia declared that the entire country (Phnom Penh) is in a state of danger.... The [word indistinct] correspondent wrote: The recent defeats of the (puppet) government on the battlefield despite the powerful support provided by the B-52's and fighter-bombers coming from Thailand prove that its (puppet government's) defensive capacity decreases while protecting the small portion of territory still under its control. The 2 April UPI dispatch concluded: Well-informed military sources are of the opinion that the daily bombings by B-52's have failed completely and have had no effect on the current offensive of the communists (CPNLAF). Senator Edward Kennedy added: The U.S. bombings in Cambodia are ineffective. (AP 3 April)

While failing to save the traitors from defeat and to check the CPNLAF offensive, Nixon has met with a wave of protest from the Cambodian people and people throughout the world including progressive Americans.

U.S. senators have also severely criticized Nixon. William Fulbright, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate, put a series of questions to Nixon: What are the U.S. forces doing in Cambodia? Who are we fighting? To whom are we giving equipment? By virtue of what authority is the United States to continue its military activities in Cambodia? Senator Charles Percy said: I see no reason for us (U.S. Government) to continue ground, sea and air operations in Southeast Asia (NBC 31 March). The current protest movement in the United States is similar to that in 1970 when Nixon sent troops into Cambodia.

Is Nixon trying to intimidate and subdue the Cambodian people by applying a policy of force? To do so is to forget the thundering blows dealt by the Cambodian people and the then underdeveloped CPNLAF to more than 100,000 G.I.'s and Saigon mercenaries after the 18 March 1970 coup d'etat. After suffering 12,000 killed or wounded, the U.S. troops had to shamefully withdraw on 30 June 1970. To do so is to forget that Nixon has completely failed in applying his doctrine in Cambodia through the Vietnamization and Cambodianization of the war [words indistinct].

CAMBODIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN REPORTS WAR SITUATION

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 0730 GMT 12 Apr 73 D

[Text] Col Am Rong, spokesman for the Cambodian High Command, reported this morning that the war situation during the past 24 hours was marked by the victory of our forces engaged in the clearing operation on Highway 1. Yesterday our troops recaptured several stretches of this highway. Last night the defense forces in Takeo town and at Svay Prey and Kandeng Tauch on Highway 2 repulsed the attacks of the Viet Cong-North Vietnamese and suffered two killed and 10 wounded. The same night the enemy attacked and harassed our positions at Setabo, at a place southeast of Takhmau, at Tram Khnar and at Tuk Laak on Highway 5 without causing any losses. Our forces are continuing their operations to clear the stretch of Highway 5 between O Sandan and Tachet.

Yesterday evening a convoy of 240 trucks and 147 trailers transporting goods from Kompung Som arrived safely in Phnom Penh.