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II. SIHANCUK REAFFIRMS NUFK POLICY, ATTACKS
"CERTAIN POWERS CLAIMING TO 'LOVE PEACE,
FREEDOM AND JUSTICE' " BUT WHICH DO NOT
RECOGNIZE NUFK.

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Peking, March 19, 1972 (Hsinhua) -- Following is the full text of the speech by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, at the banquet given this evening by the Government of the People's Republic of China:

Your Excellency respected Mr. Premier of the State
Council of the People's Republic of China,

Allow me to express to you, in my own name and in that of all my compatriots present here, our heartfelt gratitude for such a warm and magnificent speech which you have made just now, of which every word goes direct to the hearts of all the Khmer patriots and arouses their enthusiasm, and for this very splendid banquet given so kindly by Your Excellency and the Government of the People's Republic of China.

It was on March 19, 1970, just two years ago today, that our beloved friend, Your Excellency, welcomed us, myself and my first companions in the Khmer resistance (headed by Samdech Penn Nouth), in Peking and gave us, in the name of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tse-tung, most respected and beloved leader of the glorious Chinese people, not only a fraternal hospitality but also a complete support, which afterwards has never failed and is again reaffirmed this evening in the most solemn and clearest fashion.

This complete support of the PRC, of her most illustrious leader, of her great people, of her Party, of her Government and of her armed forces, has, since that historic date of March 19, 1970, played an extremely important role in the new turn taken in the destiny of our Kampuchea.

The immense and multifarious assistance given by China to our people, to their NUFK, to their RGNUC and to their People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia, has made a decisive contribution the successes in all the fields of our historic struggle waged for national salvation and the complete liberation of our Fatherland.

We request His Excellency Chairman Mao Tse-tung, Your Excellency, the Government of the PRC and the entire Chinese people to accept the assurances of our immeasurable and eternal thanks.

Your Excellency Respected Premier Chou En-lai,
Respected Madame Chiang Ching,
Your Excellencies respected national civil and military authorities of the PRC, and

Respected Mesdames,

Esteemed Excellencies, Mesdames, Mesdemoiselles,

Messieurs,

Dear friends,

Dear brothers and sisters!

We anti-imperialist Khmer patriots, believe that if the prestige of the PRC does not cease to grow on the international plane and among all the peoples of the world, it is because she remains infallibly faithful, in all circumstances, to her revolutionary ideal and to her ideal of justice.

It is this unshakable and indomitable fidelity that is reflected in the unforgettable speech which His Excellency Chou En-lai has made just now.

With regard to the Indochinese and Khmer questions, the position of the PRC has always been the following:

First, the PRC will remain completely united with the three Indochinese peoples (Khmer, Vietnamese and Lao) and will give them all the support and assistance desirable and necessary to their struggle until their total victory over the U.S. imperialist aggressor and his puppets.

Second, so far as Cambodia in particular is concerned the PRC recognizes and will recognize only the RGNUC as being the sole legitimate and legal government of the Khmer people and country.

Third, as far as Indochina is concerned, China will always give her complete support to the three Indochinese peoples in their just demand not only for a complete withdrawal of the non-Indochinese armed forces of aggression in Indochina, but also for a complete cessation of support, in whatever form, given by the U.S. imperialists to the puppet regimes in Saigon, Phnom Penh and Vientiane with the aim of perpetuating U.S. aggression and neocolonialism in South Viet-Nam, in Cambodia and in Laos. As far as Cambodia in particular is concerned, China will remain always and completely united with the NUFC and the RGNUC in their just rejection of all compromise with the clique of Phnom Penh traitors (mercenaries and puppets of imperialism); rejection of the so-called "political solution" put forward by certain powers with the aim of obstructing the NUFC and the RGNUC from a complete military victory in Cambodia which will not fail to materialize in the medium or long run; refusal to negotiate with a so-called "Khmer third force", which is the creation of certain foreign powers hostile to the revolution of the Khmer people and to the establishment of the Khmer people's power in Phnom Penh; and finally, rejection of a new "1954 Geneva" -type conference, whose preconceived results would turn Cambodia into a land divided into two "states" and where U.S. imperialism could perpetuate its neocolonialism on a part of our national territory.

Contrary to the PRC and 27 other countries, which have justly given their ~~de~~ jure recognition to the RGNUC, certain powers claiming to "love peace, freedom, and justice" are increasing their hostility to and hostile acts on the international plane against the NUFC and RGNUC as the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation of Cambodia and the people's power established by the NUFC and the RGNUC inside Cambodia develop and consolidate their position on our national territory, of which eight-tenths are today completely liberated.

These powers, which are accomplices of U.S. imperialism, are using the least honourable political, diplomatic and other means, on the one hand, to discredit in a thousand ways the NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLC, and, on the other hand, to weave crowns of "laurel", that is, (undeserved) praises to put on the head of the illegal, anti-constitutional, anti-popular, anti-national,

pro-imperialist, fascist and arch-criminal regime of Lon Nol in Phnom Penh, deceitfully presenting this regime as being a symbol of "patriotism" in face of a "foreign communist invasion" and a "model of legality, legitimacy, democracy, national unity and non-corruption"

Eighty percent of Cambodia is liberated for good. In the remaining 20 per cent, the traitorous regime is in a state of advanced decomposition and will never again be able to control the population, of which all social strata and different circles including the Buddhist clergy are assaulting that regime of national treason.

In order to save the skin of that regime, U.S. imperialism has again sent in 50,000 mercenary forces from Saigon and hundreds of aircraft of the U.S. Air Force against our PAFNLC. But you can rest assured that our heroic fighters, because they are supported and aided by all the Khmer people, will be able to continue their irresistible march towards the liberation of the last cities still under the control of the enemy, including Phnom Penh, and that, united as one man with the glorious and heroic People's Armed Forces of Viet-Nam and Laos and having the PRC as our vast reliable rear, our PAFNLC, under the banner of the NUFC and the leadership of the RGNUC, \forall will win total victory over U.S. imperialism and its puppets and sweep clean from the sacred soil of our Indochina the armed forces of aggression of the U.S.A. and its satellites. The NUFC, the RGNUC and the PAFNLC, whose second anniversary the Government of the PRC is celebrating tonight, with such a great, fraternal and warm friendship, will fully merit your confidence, your esteem, your support and your assistance, which are accorded us by the valiant people whom you solemnly represent represent in this noble capital of China, Peking.

It is in these sentiments that I allow myself, together with my compatriots present here, to raise my glass and propose a toast

-- To the health, longevity and happiness of His Excellency Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Madame,

-- To the health and longevity of His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai and Madame,

-- To the health of their excellencies the national civil and military authorities of the PRC and mesdames,

-- To the health of their excellencies, ladies and gentlemen of the diplomatic corps,

-- To the health of all our hosts, friends, brothers and sisters present here,

-- To the greatness, prosperity and new great successes in all fields of national construction of the PRC,

-- To the fraternal friendship and militant solidarity and indestructible unity of Cambodia and China,

-- To the complete victory of the Khmer, Vietnamese and Lao peoples over U.S. imperialism and its valets and sub-valets, and against imperialism, colonialism, neocolonialism, militarism and racism!

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Several paragraphs denouncing the Government of the Cambodian Republic have been omitted. All references to NUFK policy and its allies are produced in full.]