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[Text] Peking, July 18 (HSINHUA)--Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia and chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, issued here yesterday his seventh message to the nation. Full text of the message follows:

Dear compatriots, The present situation of our motherland has the following two essential characteristics:

(1) In Phnom Penh city, the traitorous reactionaries and lackeys of the U.S. imperialists egoistically lead a luxurious life of feudal lords. They are completely indifferent to the extremely miserable fate of the 6,500,000 compatriots living outside Phnom Penh who are suffering from the catastrophic consequences of a cruel and devastating war desired, provoked and imposed on our people by the traitorous reactionaries and lackeys themselves, by their U.S. imperialist masters and the Saigon and Bangkok traitors.

The Lon Nol gang is extremely arrogant because it feels that it is "powerfully" protected by large number of foreign armed forces whose mission is to prevent at all costs the liberation of Phnom Penh by our patriotic people's forces. This gang has gone so far in machiavellism as to impudently hold me responsible for all its unpardonable crimes against the motherland and the people; and it is so coward as to prevent the people remaining like prisoners in Phnom Penh from knowing the realities of the nation.

Those who bring the Phnom Penh residents genuine news concerning the internal situation of our country and the development of our people's struggle will get the most severe punishment stipulated by the inhuman martial law. This martial law symbolizes the "new democracy" of the Phnom Penh fascists. Any citizen who listens to radio broadcasts on these countries respecting their people as well as truth, such as the People's Republic of China, is thrown into prison and sentenced to five to twenty years of hard labour.

Such a harsh provision imposed on its own nation and people reveals still further the extremely corrupted nature of the Nol Lon regime which is dreadfully afraid that the Phnom Penh population should know the true situation of the country.

However, in the provinces, districts and villages already liberated by our valiant FUNK army from the yoke of the Lon Nol gang and its imperialist masters, our citizens are perfectly aware of this situation because they are witnesses of this situation and moreover, they are free to listen to international radio broadcasts.

I now ask your permission to submit to you, for your information and meditation, the cables and articles of the broad press of the "free" world, which will make it clear to you the real situation of our motherland and the hideous features of the Lon Nol regime.

On June 30, 1970, Jean-Claude Pomonti wrote in the big French paper "LE MONDE": "...The Lon Nol government will need assistance, not only increasing economic aid but, first of all, effective military protection... Failing such a support, the Phnom Penh regime would disintegrate, be overwhelmed... The capital has practically been isolated from the rest of the country... The people cannot refrain from linking the overthrow of Prince Sihanouk and the misfortune besetting them since his downfall... If the present Phnom Penh regime remains in power, the country will likely be destined to a still more bitter war for a long time... The survival of the Lon Nol regime will depend on U.S. aid."

In the same issue of this big paper (LE MONDE), Daniel Roy described Lon Nol's military staff as "incapable officers." And here is his judgment concerning Lon Nol's civil staff: Trinh Hoanh: "a businessman-politician," Douc Rasy: "having ultra-right ideas," Hœur Lay Inn: "a feudalism," Sim Var: "a polemist, man of Japanese secret societies," Cheng Heng: "director of the central prison who has become head of state whose power is certainly less than that of....," Yem Sambaur: "whose contacts with the C.I.A. are no secret."

Daniel Roy continued: "Does General Lon Nol realize that he is no more than an instrument of this gang led by Prince Sirik Matak, merely for his dynastic quarrels?"

With regard to Son Ngoc Thanh, Daniel Roy wrote that he "might have struck a bargain with his Thai friends! In exchange for their aid, he would be prepared to give up the provinces of Battambang and Siem Reap, and half of the provinces of Koh Kong and Kompong Thom. He would agree to be president in 1970 of a Cambodian republic with one third of its territory given away, just as he agreed to lead a government 'protected' by the Japanese in 1945." The rottenness and treason characterizing the gang of Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Ngoc Thanh, lackeys of the U.S. imperialists, have been exposed to the world by the most serious journals and reporters of the "free" world themselves.

U.P.I. reported on June 9: "Cambodia has given permission for South Vietnamese troops to conduct military operations on any part of its soil."

A.F.P. reported on May 18: "The South Vietnamese... penetrate deeper and deeper every day into Khmer territory... South Vietnamese involvement has become... more and more complete... with its 80,000 men engaged in Cambodia, and this figure is only approximate, South Vietnam is now playing in Cambodia the role that the Americans played at the beginning of the Vietnam war. The South Vietnamese reckon that henceforth their rear bases are solid enough 'to protect' in their turn the neighboring country." (Cable signed by Paul Leandri)

This is what Lon Nol calls "The hatred which the Khmer race should cherish for the Vietnamese race" and "the necessity of fighting against the Vietnamese, of driving them out of Cambodia so that Cambodia will not become a Vietnamese colony."

The West German agency D.P.A. reported from Hongkong on June 17: "...how great must be Premier Lon Nol's dependence on the Saigon government...Lon Nol's regime is no more capable of surviving without further military intervention by the Saigon government... but Saigon is asking for an exorbitant price in return. During his recent visit to Phnom Penh South Vietnamese Vice-President Nguyen Cao Ky set out his government's conditions and demanded among other things 'carte blanche' in the Cambodian-South Vietnamese frontier territory... This could mean a shifting of the South Vietnamese frontier some twenty kilometres to the west, a fact which could be 'de jure' circumscribed by the phrase 'combined border operations.' Saigon would thus acquire unrestricted control over all those areas...the Cambodian border province of Svay Rieng would come under administration of the South Vietnamese army." (Cable signed by Joachim Bargmann) This is what the Lon Nol gang calls his "salvation of the Khmer nation and its liberation from the yoke of traditional Vietnamese imperialism"! And it is in this way that the Lon Nol's pass themselves off as "national heroes" and grant themselves the right to sentencing me to death for "treason in the interests of the Vietnamese":

D.P.A. added from Hongkong: "Ky also demanded strict guarantees for the equal treatment of the Vietnamese minority in Cambodia. He left no doubt that Saigon would hold the Cambodians fully responsible should there be any further bloody attacks against Vietnamese living in Cambodia." This is what the Lon Nol's call their "defence of the dignity of the Khmer race" and their "policy of clearing the Khmer national territory of the presence of the Vietnamese, even peaceable ones, every one of whom should be sent back to Viet Nam."

The only result of the anti-Vietnamese racist policy and the criminal attempts of genocide of the peaceable Vietnamese residents by Lon Nol and his ilk is that by the bitter irony of fate, these fascists are now obliged to seek protection from the Vietnamese armed forces of Thieu-Ky- in order to survive, even placing under the feet of their new masters the dignity and honour of the Khmers and recognizing that the Vietnamese residents have not only the right to continue to reside in Cambodia but also all the rights enjoyed by Khmer citizens.

Today, the Lon Nol's have sunk so low as to offer the Saigon puppet government the right to exercise police actions in our country. Just as during the time of French protectorate (before the royal crusade for national independence) there is now a "mixed police" in Cambodia. On this subject the American agency A.P. in its cable of June 21, said that "the Cambodian National Assembly passed a resolution creating a 'mixed police force' of Cambodian and South Vietnamese to deal with incidents caused by allied troops."

The policy of independence and neutrality full of dignity and pride which our Kampuchea carried out in our relations with the "free" world, the socialist camp and that of nonaligned countries during the period when I was with you all, dear compatriots, has now become a memory of far-off days. The Lon Nol gang disgraces the motherland to such a degree as to throw itself at the feet of the Thais, imploring them to hasten to colonize Cambodia and oppress its people.

Evidence of this was given in this dispatch of A.F.P. from Bangkok dated July 7: "During a 30 minutes meeting in Poipet... (of) Thai Deputy Prime Minister General Prapas Charusathien (and) his Khmer counterpart Op Kim Ang,... the Cambodian deputy premier replied that he was confident Thailand would not hesitate to send troops to Cambodia..."

And very recently a dispatch of the U.S. agency U.P.I. dated July 10 said that "troops from Thailand are helping in the defence of the Preah Vihear Temple, the Cambodia Government said today."

This is the peak of treason and bad faith because everybody knows that the Thais had done their utmost to seize this archaeological jewel from us, this sacred temple bequeathed by our ancestors. They had never succeeded in seizing it from us while Sihanouk was head of the Khmer state. Today, the Thais finally are going to realize their dream of annexing it under the pretext that Lon Nol asks them to help "defend" Preah Vihear which no government other than that of Bangkok covets! Thus Lon Nol and company shamelessly sell whole tracts of our national territory to foreign countries while I should be shot in their place for the "crime of high treason"!

The following cable of A.P. (American) dated July 4, concerning the "handing over" of Phnom Penh and Cambodia to U.S. imperialism by the Lon Nol gang is enlightening: "The U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, which used to affect a low profile, is now standing tall. Its rising silhouette reflects the changing political fortunes in Cambodia. When Prince Norodom Sihanouk was in power he tolerated a small American presence... But now Sihanouk has been overthrown and the new regime believes its survival is dependent on strong American support. Now, what Washington wants, Washington will get in Cambodia." (cable signed by Jeff Williams)

This is the summit of treason. In order to maintain their power and use it to oppress the people on even very limited territory, Lon Nol and company agree to give up completely national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the motherland in the interests of the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys, ceding to them whatever they desire just as Jeff Williams said. "Now, what Washington wants, Washington will get in Cambodia." This assertion given by the U.S. press itself deserves the attention and meditation of our Buddhist monks, our people, our soldiers, our youth and our royal family.

(II) The second characteristic of the present situation of our Kampuchea is the contrast between the security and comfort that Lon Nol and company indulge in and the permission given in exchange to their U.S. masters and others to destroy at will our country, our provinces, our districts and our villages and to oppress at will their population while robbing, plundering, raping, beating, torturing, mutilating and killing them.

The catastrophes and indescribable misfortunes into which the fascist Lon Nols and their imperialist masters have plunged our country and our people outside Phnom Penh, the corruption and rottenness of their regime--all this the traitors hide carefully from the inhabitants of the capital. These traitors shamelessly impute all their own crimes to me and to the FUNK! But the people of the world know the whole truth. Our people and our monks living in the provinces, the districts and the villages outside Phnom Penh also know this perfectly.

Only most of the Phnom Penh residents are ignorant of this because the Lon Nols and Sirik Matakas deceive them outrageously with odious and despicable propaganda and terrorize them with their inhuman martial law. For these compatriots I shall quote other cables of the presses of the "free" world, starting with the U.S. press. These cables are irrefutable and undeniable evidence against the treacherous and rotten regime of Lon Nol (in my messages to the nation, I do not quote the press of the socialist camp so that people cannot speak of "partiality" owing to ideological differences).

The British agency REUTER said in its cable of June 23: "Information Minister Trinh Hoanh welcomed the Washington announcement that American aircraft are now striking at targets up to 100 miles (160 kms) inside Cambodia. The minister told REUTER: 'Our reaction is of course favorable. This further proves that the U.S. is ready to help Cambodia.' This is the most odious treason to its own people and to Indo-China."

The Indo-Chinese peoples have done nothing to the Americans. But the U.S. imperialists come from far away to plunge peaceful Asian countries into fire and blood. The Vietnamese people, then the Laotian people and finally our Khmer people receive each day on our heads thousands of tons of most deadly bombs and napalms which cause the most horrible sufferings, injuries and deaths. These unparalleled barbarous crimes in the history of mankind are condemned by the whole world, and in particular by the people, the youth and the Senate of the U.S.A. itself. Now these monstrous crimes of which their own people are victims are called by Lon Nol and company "aid to Cambodia," to Lon Nol and company. The expression "to help Cambodia" means "helping them maintain their dictatorship over the people, protect their wealth and amass more wealth, and ensure them and their families a good and tranquil life in Phnom Penh."

To Lon Nol and company, the more the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok mercenaries kill the peaceable Khmers outside the capital and the more they demolish our provinces, our districts and our villages, the better their own "safety" is ensured!

A.F.P. quoted an article of the Thai journal "Bangkok WORLD" as saying: "Several bombers from the U.S.-Thai base of Ubon bombed... Bang Pai in the northern part of Cambodia; the daily 'Bangkok WORLD' pointed out that the raid had been decided by the Thai authorities of Sisaket Province at the personal request of the military governor of the Khmer province of Preah Vihear." [quotes as received]

This is another evidence of the crime of Lon Nol and company who frantically kill their own people and destroy their own country.

The U.S. agency A.P. admitted that "at least three nations--Thailand, South Viet Nam and the U.S.--are flying over the air space of the neutral Southeast Asian nation."

Can the neutrality of Cambodia still exist, can its independence still exist when its sovereignty over land, river, territorial waters and air space has been totally violated by the U.S. imperialists and neo-colonialist aggressors and their Saigon and Bangkok satellites? Only the Lon Nol gang rejoices at this constant violation it wants.

Conscious of this fact, the citizens living outside Phnom Penh have no reason to rejoice.

In this respect, the big French paper wrote (LE MONDE dated July 2, article by Jean Decornoy): "The State Department affirmed that the regions in which the troops have intervened had been entirely 'controlled' by the N.F.L. Didn't the experts know that in the region of Beak-of-Parrot in particular, there was a very dense Khmer population? There are many Cambodians on the list of deaths."

In the magazine "L'EXPRESS" (July 5) Claudine La Haye wrote: "775 classical raids last Tuesday alone plus 50 'strategic' raids by B-52's. The raids will not cease." Even the French press have sympathized with Cambodia and its people. Only the Lon Nol gang rejoices at the misfortune of its own country and people. Lon Nol and company express their profound gratitude to the U.S. imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok accomplices, murderers of Cambodia and the Khmer people and announce shamelessly that the crimes by these persons are to be imputed to... me!

Lon Nol and company are worse than wild beasts, and this is proved by the so-called General Srey Saman who shamelessly declared to U.P.I. in Manila on June 16: "If we kill them (the guerrillas) and our own people, there will be political difficulties for us. I believe the Cambodian Army will do it anyway. There is a popular saying that in order to have an omelet, you have to break an egg." Such a statement is extremely savage. Doubtlessly, Srey Saman believes that he can impress his American and Philippine audience by saying that the lives of his people mean nothing to his army:

"L'EXPRESS" quoted Richard Dudman, an American, who published his testimony in the 'St. Louis POST DISPATCH': "In the hamlets, fists were raised against the Americans. Everywhere (is) spontaneous cooperation between the peasants and the guerrillas... The common fear of bombing, the eruption of war following the U.S. and South Vietnamese intervention have cemented the tacit alliance of the rice-growing people and the guerrillas."

Lon Nol and company carefully concealed this very important event from the people of Phnom Penh. Equally carefully concealed are the innumerable despicable acts and crimes by the soldiers of Lon Nol and his masters Thieu-Ky. But the whole world is aware of all this because of the serious press of France, the United States... for instance: [as received]

L'EXPRESS (article by Claudine La Haye): "Major Soeung Kimsea accused... South Vietnamese soldiers... of raping women, tearing away their ear-rings encrusted in the flesh; they even looted temples. They set fire to what they could not carry away."

The American agency U.P.I. reported on June 17: "Residents...told Western correspondents the government troops had looted... to the extent; they broke safes and robbed civilians. "Residents... said South Vietnamese soldiers ransacked shops, broke open safes and took rings and watches from civilians..." These acts of pure banditry have been and are being committed in many places, in many cities like Kompong Speu, Longvek, etc....

Sim Var, Lon Nol's arch accomplice, being aware of all this, is deeply afraid that the entire population living outside Phnom Penh would throw themselves into the embrace of the FUNK, which he calls, as his American masters.... "Viet Cong." U.P.I. reported on July 5: "The confused Cambodian civilians are being raped, robbed and hit over the head by their South Vietnamese allies... The misbehavior of some of 25,000 South Vietnamese marines, soldiers and sailors in Cambodia poses a new and many Cambodians believe the most dangerous threat to the Lon Nol government."

"These soldiers... loot, steal and misbehave--said Sim Var... Their action against the inhabitants are converting them into Viet Cong supporters... Many Cambodian Army units were equally as guilty as the South Vietnamese. ...From the beginning the South Vietnamese have turned every military victory into a psychological defeat by their actions which horrified and angered the Cambodians... On the contrary, every Viet Cong and North Vietnamese trooper is a walking ambassador of goodwill to the Cambodian non-combatants. They are following to the letter the same rigid policy laid down in China by Mao Tsetung, namely 'be nice to the peasants, for they are your strongest allies.'

"Every reporter captured and released by the Viet Cong has been impressed at the model behaviour of the communist soldiers. "A European living in a Viet Cong-controlled area says very few Cambodian attended the communist 'prayer meeting' after they took over the area. Now, he says, there is a standing-room-only crowd of attentive listeners at every session. "The trouble is, said a Cambodian major, that the South Vietnamese are... still working on the spoils system where everything you can lay your hands on from a chicken to a girl is fair game.

"Not so with the Viet Cong, he continued, nobody every touches a civilian... And chits are given for everything that is 'liberated.'" (dispatch signed by Robert C. Miller)

Another American journalist, Hugh A. Mulligan (A.P. on June 21) related a session of the "National" Assembly of Phnom Penh which revealed "graft and corruption in the armed forces (of Lon Nol)... Often unscrupulous officers exaggerated their troop strength to fill their personal coffers and not infrequently pocketed all the money, requiring the troops to forage and pillage for themselves."

In the paper "LE MONDE," J.C. Pomonti reported: "A colonel (of Saigon) declared smilingly: The Cambodian generals have three Mercedes each. They drink Beaujolais and Johnnie Walker. But the soldiers go to war by Honda or trucks used to transport Pepsi-Cola." Thus it appears certain that Lon Nol's Saigon masters help him remain in power but never let a chance go without showing the whole world in what contempt they hold his regime and his army.

The West German agency D.P.A. (dispatch of June 8) reported: "According to military experts... the Cambodian Army is even worse than had been assumed. It has further become evident that the regime of Premier Lon Nol will have a chance of survival only if Saigon is prepared to take over the defence of Phnom Penh."

A.F.P. (dispatch by Bernard Ullmann on June 26) reported: "The Cambodian capital now (is) in the process of being transformed into a South Vietnamese base." Thus for some time, the Lon Nol gang, having lost everything in Cambodia, have anyhow succeeded in "retaining" Phnom Penh as his "rief."

Today, this gang of traitorous reactionaries must also give up this "rief" to its masters Thieu-Ky to be turned into a "South Vietnamese base!" Knowing the extremely unfortunate situation of our beloved motherland, can or should our Buddhist clergy, royal family, national elite, intellectuals, young people and soliders continue to endure this grievous humiliation under the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique? Have they not the duty and should they not have the courage to join our people in the countryside and the patriotic members of the FUNK who have taken up arms to fight the domestic and foreign oppressors? The whole world knows and admires the attitude of the people in our countryside who are full of courage, dignity and militant patriotism.

The big French newspaper "LE MONDE" has published these lines from Jacques Decornoy: "The peasant revolt has a long history in Cambodia.... But the acute stage began toward the end of last March when General Lon Nol's troops fired at the peasants who were demonstrating in favour of Norodom Sihanouk. It has since developed to such proportions that it is not an exaggeration to say that in three months the country--apart from Phnom Penh, 17 provincial capitals have been attacked--has been plunged into a revolution which was brewing but would have taken many years to develop without the coup. Mr Nixon has won a capital over to his camp but has thrown a nation into armed struggle."

Thus outstanding world observers esteem and admire our peasants who, by their unequivocal attitude, symbolize the fundamental qualities of our race and guard the honour of our nation. What are the objectives of the Khmer people's revolution? They are as follows:

--Regain the national independence, neutrality and territorial integrity which the traitors Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Sim Var, and Ngoc Thanh have sold to U.S. imperialism and its lackeys in Saigon and Bangkok.

--Re-establish democracy and the Royal Constitution trampled underfoot by the Lon Nol gang which replaced them with an intolerable fascist regime and martial law.

--Build a new life for the people based on social justice, people's democracy and progressiveness conforming to the political programme of the FUNK (our people have already begun living such a new life in the liberated zones, provinces, districts and villages, where it has been possible to establish people's administration, people's justice and the people's economy).

--Establish a lasting peace which the bellicose American imperialists will not be able to threaten and still less to destroy because the three fraternal peoples of Khmer, Vietnam, and Laos, fortified by their fighting union, will drive them completely out of our three Indo-Chinese countries of Cambodia, Vietnam, and Laos.

The overriding obligation of every true Khmer, every patriot, every Khmer worthy of the name is to rise up and take arms and make revolution so as to drive out of the national territory for all time the traitorous Lon Nol gang, its masters the U.S. imperialists and its sub-masters the fascist Thieu-Ky gang and Thanom-Praphas gang. Only armed struggle and revolution by our nation will be able radically to eliminate fascism, its criminal practitioners, its accomplices the corrupt big capitalists, and Yankee imperialism. Only armed struggle and revolution will allow our country to advance and become prosperous, having economic independence, social justice and people's democracy.

Let our Buddhist clergy pay no heed to the dishonest propaganda of the Lon Nol gang, particularly when it asserts that victory of the FUNK would mean the end of Buddhism. In this respect, I respectfully request our venerable monks to read carefully the political programme of the front which unequivocally respects and supports Buddhism, the state religion.

It is the fascist Lon Nol gang which disgraces Buddhism by obliging the monks to engage in activities absolutely contrary to the Vinaya of Buddha (the rules of discipline) and detrimental to the highest interests of the motherland and the people.

Those of our monks who are in the liberated zones, provinces, districts and villages know full well that there the FUNK, whose eminent representatives and leaders are the

Sahachivins (brothers) Khieu Samphan, Hou Yuon and Hu Nim, highly respect our state religion Buddhism and that there our clergy can devote themselves heart and soul to defending the independence and territorial integrity of the motherland and serve the true interests of the people most effectively. In doing so, our clergy act as patriots and remain completely true to the noble traditions of Khmer Buddhism which is always linked with the people, those in the countryside and the humble labouring folk in particular, sharing their joy and sorrow, and helping them raise their standard of living and advance in all fields, as we did together between 1955 and the end of 1969.

I also request the members of our royal family to ask themselves this question: Who are in fact destroying our national religion and the monarchy? The truth is that the FUNK has never touched and will never touch our religion or the throne.

The sole traitors to the throne are the fascist Lon Nol-Sirik Matak gang, the very ones who owe everything to the monarchy: Their "brilliant" careers, their power, their authority over the royal army and royal police, their wealth and other material benefits. It is they who are renegades. Being "persons trusted by the throne," they impudently pretended to take the "solemn" oath to defend the throne "to the last drop of their blood" (sic): These renegades are now using the authority, the temporal power, the Royal Constitution, the army and the police that the throne had entrusted them with to unjustly, illegally and dispicably kill off the monarchy symbolically.

Such is the baseness and cowardice of these traitors that they even humiliate by the filthiest means Her Majesty the Queen, a defenceless and sick old lady who has never done anything bad to the country, who is of exemplary and beloved dignity, venerated by the 7 million Khmers, except the handful of individuals who constitute precisely the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak gang, to say nothing of their shameful "sentencing" of me to death.

Can our clergy and our royal family have confidence in individuals such as these? Those who have shamelessly betrayed the national monarchy without any justification have shown perfidious ingratitude to the throne to which they should owe everything; could such persons not betray the nation, religion and motherland? Our people in the countryside are extremely clear-sighted: They clearly see the hideous features of this gang of traitors; that is why they energetically refuse and will continue to refuse to follow them.

The duty of our compatriots in other circles, that is to say, soliders, police, functionaries, merchants, industrialists, young and old intellectuals, is to take pity on our unhappy motherland and to rise up courageously to put an end to the intolerable regime of Lon Nol and, shoulder to shoulder with the FUNK, with the people of the countryside, with the people's army of national liberation, to struggle to drive the U.S. neo-colonialist imperialists and their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys completely out of our country.

The Lon Nol gang ordered its "tribunal" to condemn me to death for "crimes" of high treason," but history and world opinion will not judge Norodom Sihanouk to be a traitor to his country and people. It has been seen and known by everyone that those who have committed and are committing horrible crimes of treason against the nation and people, selling out their own country, destroying and reducing to ashes their own motherland, and provoking and creating war are indeed the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Sim Var-Ngoc Thanh gang. The outcome of this war can only be favourable to our people.

The victorious Khmer people will not fail to set up a people's tribunal to try this gang and its principal accomplices and other principal "supporters." The most severe punishment awaits all the principal traitors and they will not be able to do any more harm to our Kampuchea.

Cleared once and for all of these bestial individuals, our Khmer country, nation and people will have a radiant, peaceful, prosperous, dignified future in the world community of sovereign nations. It is with this firm conviction that I extend my most affectionate and respectful salutations to Her Majesty the Queen, to the venerable monks, to all my patriotic, pro-popular, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist compatriots. Here ends my 7th message to the nation.

Long live the patriotic Khmer people! Long live the heroic National Liberation Army!
Long live the heroes and heroines of the national resistance groups! Long live
Cambodia!

Despite all these plots, violations and provocations, Cambodia had 16 years of peace and progress. Thanks to the unyielding struggle of the Khmer people in defense of the policy of neutrality and national independence under the firm leadership of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state. When ordering the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique to stage the racist and fascist coup d'etat of March 18, 1970, U. S. imperialism has destroyed the national independence, neutrality and peace of Cambodia. On May 1, 1970, while making open invasion against Cambodia with its troops and the Saigon puppet troops of Thieu-Ky in order to rescue the hard-pressed Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, it committed a heinous crime against the Khmer people in flagrantly violating all the principles of international law and the 1954 Geneva agreements.

The crushing counter-blows of the Khmer people and indignant world opinion, especially that of the American people, have forced the Nixon administration to withdraw its troops from Cambodia. Politically as well as militarily, the U.S. aggression has brought bitter defeat to its perpetrators. But in conformity with the Nixon doctrine aimed at "making Asians fight Asians," U.S. imperialism, while spreading in the border areas chemical products what kill all living things during six months at least and continuing its massive bombing, has ordered its flunkies in South Vietnam and Thailand to maintain and reinforce their troops on Khmer territory.

To oppose these crimes, the Khmer people, responding to the historic appeal of March 23, 1970, by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state, and under the banner of the National United Front of Kampuchea, have risen like one man to smash the aggression of the U.S. imperialists and their flunkies and drive away the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique so as to build an independent, neutral, peaceful, democratic and prosperous Cambodia. In three months, the people's forces of the National Liberation Army of the FUNK have won brilliant victories and the Royal Government of National Union has practically controlled two-thirds of the territory. Armed with an indomitable revolutionary spirit, the Khmer people are certain to win still more important successes which will lead to the complete liberation of the country from the U.S. aggressors and their flunkies and from the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique.

The Royal Government of National Union explicitly declares that it refuses to participate in any negotiation or conference directly or indirectly aimed at legalizing the puppet regime of the traitors Lon Nol and Sirik Matak, partitioning Cambodia in any way and camouflaging the U.S. aggression. The only just solution in conformity with the spirit of the Geneva agreements is the immediate cessation of the U.S. aggression, the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of all the puppet troops of South Vietnam, Thailand and other satellites, and the immediate cessation of all acts of war against the fraternal Laotian and Vietnamese people.

Closely united with the fraternal people of Vietnam and Laos, firmly supported by the People's Republic of China, the vast and reliable rear area of the Indo-Chinese peoples, and by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and enjoying the militant solidarity of the people of other socialist and progressive countries and of the peace-and justice-loving people in the world, the American people included, the Khmer people, under the leadership of the FUNK led by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state, will inevitably be victorious. July 20, 1970.