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In the past 5 years, the Cambodian people under the correct leadership of the NUFC with Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk as chairman and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia (RGNUC) with Samdech Penn Nouth as premier and His Excellency Khieu Samphan as vice-premier, have overcome innumerable difficulties and hardships, carried on a sacred war of resistance and recorded even greater victories, thus foiling all the military strategies of the U.S. aggressors and the Lon Nol clique of lackeys.

Up to now, the liberated area occupies 97 percent of the Cambodian territory with a population of more than 6 million. On the contrary, the Lon Nol traitorous puppets temporarily control only a few cities and towns which have been held under siege and utterly isolated.

The great victories recorded in the military and political fields by the Cambodian people have unceasingly promoted the prestige and influence of the NUFC and the RGNUC in the international arena. The just cause for national salvation carried on by the Cambodian people has enjoyed stronger and stronger sympathy and support from all the people who honor peace and justice throughout the world.

Since early this year, with their stunning blows, the Cambodian liberation armed forces and people have driven the Lon Nol traitorous clique into a totally desperate situation. Meak Luong is on the verge of annihilation. Phnom Penh is in its death agony. No matter what tricky farce the United States may resort to, it cannot change the situation. The fate of the Phnom Penh traitors is decided. The final victory of the Cambodian people is certainly not far off.

The South Vietnamese people are very elated at the marvelous victories scored by the fraternal Cambodian people and consider them a great source of encouragement to their current struggle with a view to demanding the U.S. imperialists and the Saigon administration to scrupulously observe and strictly implement the Paris agreement on Vietnam.

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According to the spokesman, (Pleyman) is actively advising the commanders of the Lon Nol army during his stay in Cambodia, and he dictates the majority of daily military decisions.

Also, according to this Western news agency, in view of the of the deteriorating situation of the U.S. lackeys, President Gerald Ford invited representatives of the Republican Party to the White House to pressure them to give additional military aid to Thieu and Lon Nol. But in defiance of Ford's complaint, the representatives announced that the U.S. Congress would not approve his request.

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Tempered in the trials of the fight against the common enemy--the U.S. imperialists and their traitorous lackeys--the close militant solidarity between the peoples of South Vietnam and Cambodia has been further consolidated and finely developed. Both peoples pledge to keep that militant solidarity fraternal friendship ever green.

On the occasion of the important historical date of the Cambodian people, the South Vietnamese people wish to express their profound gratitude to the people, NUPC and RGNVC for their wholehearted support and precious assistance to our just struggle. The South Vietnamese people sincerely wish the fraternal Cambodian people to quickly win total victory so as to attain the objectives expounded in the five-point proclamation of March 23, 1970 of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk and political program of the NUPC, namely to build an independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous Cambodia in its territorial integrity.

Saigon Paper Destroy Enemy from "Within"

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["Our Opinion" column: "Let Us Tackle the Problem Straightforwardly"]

[Text] Cambodian Minister of Information Chhang Song told the British press that a massacre will take place once communist forces take over Phnom Penh. Western political circles have termed such a massacre a bloodbath for anticommunist elements.

It has been customary for communist troops to massacre people when they occupy a township or a municipality. This must be viewed as a line or policy and not simply as the bloodthirstiness of soldiers. First of all, the communists advocate using violence to establish a completely new social system according to their design. Therefore, they must do away with the old. Secondly, to this end, the communists execute their plan systematically. Efforts to determine who are to be killed and the killings themselves are carried out cold-bloodedly and without a guilty conscience.

Along with fulfilling a long-range objective to establish a new society, such a massacre also brings about three immediate results. First, the communists take advantage of a confused situation to massacre so as to intimidate the people and facilitate communist rule in the future. Secondly, in an effort to win over the people heart's the communist do away with individuals and government officials who in the past were the target of the people's hatred and were termed as cruel, diehard elements. Third, the communists take advantage of a confused situation to do away with elements who oppose the old administration but who do not side with the communists or who are anticommunist elements with influence with the people, knowing that these elements may become a danger for the communist regime in the future. As far as these elements are concerned, the communists may build memorials to honor them after they have been intentionally killed, calling them victims of "misjudgement".

With regard to Cambodia, the communists have spread news about the fate of Phnom Penh. They say, "We only tighten the noose and let the people of Phnom Penh liberate themselves." This statement can be understood as a way to justify the fact that the communists are unable to take over Phnom Penh. Nevertheless, it can also contain a threat or a evil scheme aimed at making Phnom Penh fall like a rotten fruit. In other words, the communists hope that once the people of Phnom Penh are unable to bear the pressure from both outside and within, they will revolt. This revolt can be viewed either as a communist-led incident or the last way for the people to save themselves.