

KAMPUCHEA RESISTS MASSIVE VIET

On December 25th, the Vietnamese Authorities launched their biggest invasion yet against Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia). This move has been expected for some time. Over the last few months the Soviet social imperialists have been continuously building up the might of the Vietnamese armed forces including sophisticated weapons and MiG warplanes. Forced conscription has been brought in for men between the ages of 16 and 45. During this period Vietnam has carried out a number of aggressive attacks on Kampuchea. In early December, a Vietnamese regiment which penetrated into Kampuchea was cut to pieces by Kampuchean guerrilla units. Many Vietnamese lives were lost in spiked bamboo traps built by the local people. Recently, under Soviet guidance, the Vietnamese authorities helped set up an organisation called the "Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation" (KNUFNS). This counter-revolutionary group consists of a handful of Kampuchean traitors. In itself it is capable of doing nothing. But it is a convenient signboard behind which the Soviet-engineered Vietnamese aggression can be hidden. Now that Vietnam has launched a massive invasion of Kampuchea, Soviet and Vietnamese news agencies are claiming that the fighting is being done by KNUFNS. Not a soul believes this. No one can believe that a one month old organisation has a major airforce, tank regiments, rockets and artillery, and an army bigger than the Kampuchean Government's Revolutionary Army! Who are they kidding?

Finally in preparation for the major invasion, Giap, Commander of the Vietnamese Armed Forces, has been making militarist speeches in Vietnam during December (in which he let the cat out of the bag by

saying that it really was the Vietnamese doing the fighting in Kampuchea). He stated that they were determined to "defeat the reactionary clique in Phnom Penh" (i.e. the socialist Government of Kampuchea) and went on "we will win because we have the sympathy and...support of the Soviet Union!" The Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Nguyen Duy Trinh, boasted, "Vietnam is able to capture Phnom Penh in 24 hours".

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF US IMPERIALISM

On December 25th, the Vietnamese aggressors sent twelve divisions into Kampuchean territory. The fact of the full-scale invasion itself, as well as the Vietnamese speeches clearly shows that previous Vietnamese claims that Kampuchea was the aggressor are outright lies. All the fighting has been on Kampuchean soil.

By December 28th, three Vietnamese divisions in Kratie and neighbouring provinces of Kampuchea were decimated. The 307th division of the Vietnamese Army (no, it's certainly not KNUFNS!) lost 600 men and 200 weapons and had to withdraw. The 3rd and 5th divisions had 400 casualties in their drive north of Snuol. They lost many weapons, three tanks and four artillery pieces.

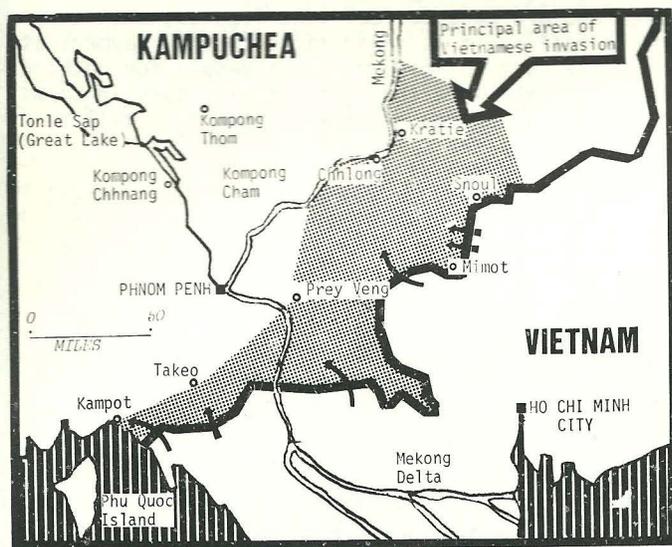
The Vietnamese invasion took place on a wide front, aiming at Kampot in the south, through Takeo, Kompong Cham and up to the north of Kratie. Undoubtedly, the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army (KRA) has been pushed back temporarily under the weight of Vietnam's vastly greater armed forces. At the time of writing, Kratie itself, has reportedly been occupied, and Kompong Cham is said to be under attack.

MiG warplanes piloted by Soviet airmen as well as Vietnamese are attacking populated areas. On January 2nd, MiGs bombed wharves on the Mekong river. On the 3rd many planes bombed and strafed Prey Veng and surrounding areas. Many civilians, young and old, men, women and children, have been killed. In Neak Luong the hospital was heavily bombed, and most of the patients are dead. The Vietnamese have certainly taken a leaf out of the book of US imperialism. Snuol, Kratie, Memot and Chhlong all suffered many casualties from heavy air raids.

KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE EXACT A HEAVY PRICE

Despite the fact that the Vietnamese invaders have made advances, the Kampuchean people have demanded a heavy price. The KRA and local guerrilla units are fighting hard. By the end of December, 14,000 of the invading troops were dead and 84 tanks destroyed.

The Vietnamese authorities and the Soviet social imperialists have forgotten their lessons of history. Aggressors always do. Through force of military might US imperialism occupied much of Vietnam,



SOLIDARITY OF KOREA AND KAMPUCHEA

The Korean Central News Agency reports that Comrade Kim Il Sung, the General Secretary of the Workers Party of Korea and President of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), sent a message to Comrade Pol Pot, the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and Prime minister of Democratic Kampuchea, on the 27th of December.

In his message Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The Korean people set great store by their friendship and solidarity with the Kampuchean people, their brothers and comrades-in-arms, and are

happy to note that the friendly and co-operative relations between our two parties, two countries and two peoples are favourably developing day by day through the common struggle against imperialism and colonialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism". Kim Il Sung wished the Kampuchean people greater successes in the struggle to defend the sovereignty of the country and the gains of the revolution and build a new prosperous Kampuchea.

On December 29th, a new tractor factory, built with the help of the DPRK, was opened in Kampuchea.

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Kampuchea and Laos. But it could never win the war. The people will fight back, and when they are led by a correct and tempered party, like the Communist Party of Kampuchea, their victory is certain. Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos defeated US aggression. They fought a heroic and protracted people's war. Today it is Vietnam, acting as an agent for Soviet social imperialism, that has become an aggressor. The Kampuchean people will defeat them too.

SHAMEFUL BETRAYAL BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES

The Vietnamese people fought a great and just struggle for independence against US imperialism. The Marxist-Leninists in Britain actively supported them. But today, the Vietnamese authorities dream of an "Indo-China Federation" headed by themselves. They want to annex Kampuchea and later on other countries. To do this they have more and more militarised their economy. They have sold Vietnam's independence for guns. Their industry is geared to military production. So they import necessities from the Soviet Union - for a price; putting Vietnam deeper into hock. Now they are sent Soviet "advisers" and "pilots" and experts of every description. The Vietnamese people have been sold out. Now the authorities forcibly conscript Vietnamese workers and peasants and force them to be cannon-fodder for the ambitions of the new Tsars in the Kremlin, and their agents in Hanoi.

The Kampuchean people and their Party are fighting back. In Vietnam itself, the authorities are unpopular. Soviet social imperialism is looking very strong, but at the same time its own actions are educating the people of the world as to its true nature. US imperialism met defeat in Indo-China. In time the other superpower will get the same treatment.

DR. CALDWELL MURDERED

Dr. Malcolm Caldwell, a well known supporter of the Kampuchean revolution, was assassinated in Phnom Penh, the capital of Democratic Kampuchea on December 23rd. Dr. Caldwell was a lecturer at the London School of Oriental and African studies, the co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary Asia* and the author of numerous books, pamphlets and articles, including the book written with Lek Tan *Cambodia in the Southeast Asian War*.

Since the liberation of Kampuchea in 1975, Dr. Caldwell had vigorously worked to expose the lies about so-called "genocide" in Kampuchea, and supported the efforts of the government to develop the socialist economy of Kampuchea. In July, last year, an article by him was printed in *New Age* - the monthly paper of the Communist Workers Movement - once again exposing the lies of the capitalist press on Kampuchea.

In an article in the November 1978 issue of the *China Policy Study Group Broadsheet*, he castigated the lying "Moscow/Hanoi propaganda (which) is drawn, from the notorious *Readers Digest* book by Barren and Paul (*Murder of a gentle land*) which has long since been refuted and discredited in the West." In the same article he pointed out: "every opportunity should be taken to expose Russian economic imperialism and sinister political interventions in the internal affairs of smaller countries".

He was greeted as a good friend of the Kampuchean people when he travelled there in December, in the company of two American journalists. After he had interviewed Pol Pot, he said: "I have been trying for years to create more sympathy and clear understanding for your country in Britain and I know that

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INTERNATIONAL NOTES



KOREA: The Secretariat of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland in Korea published a statement on Dec. 26, exposing the crimes of United States imperialism's puppet ruler of south Korea, Pak Jung Hi. The statement attacks the traitorous activities of Pak Jung Hi and the policy of dividing Korea, and goes on: "Even according to the extremely watered-down material that leaked out under the harsh press gag and strict news blackout, this year the south Korean fascists took "legal" action against over 645,000 patriots and people of all strata and formally prosecuted 387,000 of them. Numerous people were sentenced to death or received heavy penalties.

The statement calls on the south Korean people to take an active part in the struggle to overthrow the Pak Jung Hi clique and to realise the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

In his hypocritical "human rights" campaign Carter seems to have overlooked the activities of his puppet in Korea!

USSR: Facts show that far from being a voluntary federation of equal nations, the USSR today has reduced the position of the minority republics to that of colonies. The Tajik Republic produces 10.6% of the USSR's unginned cotton, but only 1.5% of its cotton cloth. Industry and wealth is centralised in Russia, and the Republic maintained as a producer of raw materials. 1.4% of the USSR's population lives in the Tajik Republic, but only 0.77% of total economic investment is made there. So Tajik is falling even further behind. Most of the collective and state farms make a loss each year, because of the low prices fixed by the state on their produce. The working people are therefore impoverished. Over the last 3 years the losses have increased every year.

Social Services given to each Tajik inhabitant amount to only just over half that given to Russians. The number of doctors for every 10,000 inhabitants is 3/5 that of the number in the Russian Republic.

In the last few years large numbers of Tajik cadres have been removed from their offices and expelled from the Party because of their protests. The state bureaucracy in the Tajik Republic has brought in Russians to replace them.

The Tajik language is being restricted in its use, the number of books published each year and the number of magazines in the Tajik language both dropped every year between 1970 and 1977.

IRAN: The Shah of Iran, his family, and his top supporters have made sure that they have feathered their nests, and will live comfortable lives after they are kicked out of power in Iran. In the last 2 years alone they have shifted £990 million to the USA. Most of the money is invested in property, in office skyscrapers, in shops and luxury apartments. The Shah's family have got their own mansions in the exclusive Beverly Hills suburb. One of his sisters paid a mere £990,000 for hers. The Shah himself owns over 140 acres of land in Bel Air - known as the world's most expensive suburb.

ZIMBABWE: On Dec. 22 a number of Rhodesian planes violated Zambian airspace and attacked targets in Zambia. Forces of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe shot down two of the planes.

I shall be able to carry on this work much more successfully as a result of having the opportunity to visit your country". Dr. Caldwell was a good anti-imperialist who deserves high respect.

Dr. Caldwell was murdered by three anti-Kampuchean agents. They wanted him silenced. One of the assassins died, one was captured and one escaped. Now, in order to try to turn truth on its head, Soviet and Vietnamese propaganda is trying to say that Dr. Caldwell was going to denounce Kampuchea, and was killed by the Kampuchean government! These vicious lies have no basis. They are pure inventions, intended to divert blame. The 2 Americans, ordinary journalists, who were with him, certainly saw no such evidence! The *Morning Star* rag of course, propagated the lie, by hinting at "mysterious circumstances". Such vicious lies are fully in conformity with the lies backing Vietnam's aggression. The despicable behaviour of revisionists (sham marxists) knows no bounds.

