Hidden in the back pages of a recent Wall Street Journal, a small paragraph revealed the true role of the C.I.A. in discrediting the legitimate Pol Pot government of Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia). The article sums up a speech on “U.S. Foreign Policy Achievements” given by the State Department Counselor, Matthew Nimetz. Nimetz concludes that the U.S. ruling class “Human Rights” campaign was successful in fanning Pol Pot.

After defeating U.S. imperialism militarily in 1975, Pol Pot, as head of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, became the Prime Minister of the newly independent Kampuchean government. Immediately after the U.S. was being kicked out, the C.I.A. launched a worldwide smear campaign to undermine independent Kampuchean government. They accused Pol Pot of starving and massacring the Kampuchean people. Imperialism doesn’t operate only through military invasions of other peoples’ countries. It also uses a complex network of propaganda (like different Voices of Americas) that consciously spreads misinformation on a global scale. For example, during the 60’s and 70’s, the government lied to the American public denying that the U.S. military was bombing Kampuchea and that the U.S. was intensifying its involvement in Southeast Asia, all while claiming de-escalation of the war.

With a sinister sneer, the Wall Street Journal editorial concludes, “We had thought the C.I.A. was out of business, and are glad to know it did in Pol Pot, all the while managing to have the world think his fall was engineered by the invading North Vietnamese armies.” The Vietnamese aggressors and the Soviet imperialists overthrew Kampuchean militarily. But U.S. imperialism succeeded in discrediting Pol Pot politically.

U.S. Prefers Pro-Soviet Governments

The U.S. would rather deal with a pro-Soviet regime in third world countries than a government that opposes superpowers. For example, referring to Angola, Andrew Young made his notorious statement that Cuban troops were a “stabilizing force.” The U.S. allowed Gulf Oil to continue to operate there. Also, it is gambling that the Angolan masses will one day rise up against the 20,000 Cuban occupation forces and the Russian “advisors” and this, the U.S. thinks, will be a better condition for the U.S. to appear the “true friend of the Angolan people.”

The C.I.A. politically discredited Pol Pot as a butcher in hopes of installing a “moderate” and “predictable” (pro-U.S.) government. The imperialists always call genuine communists “unreasonable” and “fanatical.” Revolutionaries are seen as “unpredictable” precisely because the imperialists can never control them through backroom deals that result in predictable solutions favorable to the imperialists. The starting point for communists and consistently patriotic national bourgeoisie (like Khomeini) in third world countries is how to keep both superpowers out of their countries in order for the majority of the people to run their own internal affairs.

As long as Vietnam and the Soviet Union are in Kampuchea, the U.S. will continue to “condemn” them in order to gain favorable pro-U.S. opinion in the world and hopefully get its foot back in the door by controlling local anti-Soviet forces.

NEW YORK, N.Y. -- In the last quarter, the oil monopolies made record profits. Exxon Corp. profits were 101% or $1.92 billion, the highest quarterly earnings of any U.S. corporation in history. Shell Oil made a 66.5% increase. Occidental Petroleum, a 83.3% increase. This criminal profit was made by forcing the U.S. people to live without, to have more dinners with no meat on the table, and by leaving some people to freeze, and destroying all U.S. people’s living standard in an unprecedented way.

Last winter, a little baby died because her apartment had no heat. Just out of the hospital for pneumonia, the little girl died even though her mother put the baby in the bed with her in a desperate attempt to keep the baby warm and alive. In the suburbs, the inflated costs of gas and oil are pushing some people to freeze, and destroying all U.S. people’s living standard in an unprecedented way.

Some tenant groups protested the pass-along bill because it hit the rent-controlled tenants harder than the rent stabilized fuel passalong bill which was passed last December. Landlords of rent-controlled apartments will have to pay directly for their heat at $3.30 a room, on top of a 7% rent increase. Knowing he had done a good job protecting the profits of oil monopolies plus taking all the blame from the masses for them, Koch arrogantly said at the opening of the hearing, “It will not come as a surprise that I will sign this bill into law as soon as the public statements are concluded.”

Some tenant groups protested the pass-along bill because it hit the rent-controlled tenants harder than the rent stabilized fuel passalong bill which was passed last December. Landlords of rent-controlled apartments are getting a flat $12/month per apartment for fuel to be collected for six months of the year, while the rent-controlled passalong reaps landlords more than $13 a month for a four-room apartment to be collected throughout the year. But the issue is the system of monopoly capitalism that aids the criminal oil monopolies to rip off the people, not how much tenants should pay for it. Nor is the issue that oil monopolies should not make so much profit. Nationalization of oil will not make oil monopolies responsible to the people. The windfall oil profits tax showed that taxation benefits the monopolies not the people. The only way that to stop the oil monopolies’ criminal ropp is to make socialist revolution and take over ownership of the oil. Then people will have enough oil to warm their homes without having to choose between starving or freezing to death.

Oil Record Profit Adds Fuel To Masses’ Fire

Pol Pot is hated by both superpowers because under his leadership, Kampuchea stood up to imperialism and was on the road to economic self-sufficiency, providing enough to feed its people and more.