KAMPUCHEA SUPPORT TWO

A year after the Soviet-backed Viet­namese invasion of Democratic Kampu­chea, the heroic Kampuchean people under the leadership of their legitimate government, fought an unequal war against their aggressors. This just struggle merits our concrete support, both political and material, and it is the most important anti-imperialist struggle going on in the world today. The Kampuchean people face a severe extermination at the hands of the Vietnamese aggressors and this makes the need for moral solidarity, food, medicine, clothing etc. more crucial.

On November 18, 1979 representatives from over 30 countries convened in Stock­holm, Sweden, under the auspices of the International Conference in Solidarity with Kampuchea Conscious of the urgent need for world wide mass support for the Kampuchean people, delegates traveled from all points of the globe in order to attend this important event. The Conference adopted a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of all Viet­namese military forces from Democratic Kampuchea and for the building of a po­werful solidarity movement that will not rest until the independence of Kampuchea is achieved.

The League for Proletarian Revolution (ML) and the Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (MLM) sent representa­tions as part of the US delegation which also included representatives from the CPML, the LRS (ML), the US-China Friendship Association and North­american scholar George Häklebrand. Representa­tives from national liberation movements like the Pan African Congress (PAC) and delegates from Ernest, Iran, Ethiopia, In­dia, Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Argentina, Laos and Turkey were present. Countries represented were the People’s Republic of China, Tumna, Nige­ria, India and Democratic Kampuchea. Many ML organizations from around the world attended, as well as anti-imperialist personalities.

Noted Swedish author, Jan Myrdal, who had just recently returned from liber­ated zones inside Kampuchea showed a film of his journey to various guerilla bases. The film proved the support by the people for the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army, who enabled Myrdal to enter and travel inside of Kampuchea, showed the food distribution network set up by the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and training in the guerrilla bases. Speakers from the PAC, Fadi Meran, gave a solidarity message from 23 mem­bers of the PAC who had been inside Kampuchea receiving military training at the time of the invasion. The 23 PAC members had just recently returned from inside Kampuchea where they had witnessed the invasion and spent 9 months in the guerrilla zones. They were still suf­fering from malnutrition and malaria etc., and were not physically able to attend the conference, but sent a solidarity message instead. The message refuted, from this eysenckian account, the slanderers against the Government of Democratic Kampuch­ea (GDK), discussed the gains made by the GDK, as socialist construction under the leadership of Pol Pot etc. They also describ­ed the support of the majority of the for the revolutionary forces.

The Kampuchean people are courageously fighting against the Soviet backed Vietnamese occupation, and one nay they will kick out these aggressors yet as they did US imperialism.

The Kampuchean people’s struggle is our struggle too.

We will unite with our friends against our enemies and victory is sure to come just as before.

2 What do you see as the role of the Soviet Union in relation to the Kampuchea situation?

Well, it is clear that the Soviet Union has the ambition of world hegemony. The design of the Soviet Union for global he­gemony comes directly with the aims of the US imperialist hegemony. Thus as a part of Soviet strategy for encircling Europe by fronts their plan is to grab all the US clients and control the Malacca Straits which is a vital to the Western countries.

3 What do you see as the cause of the de­scending and starvation that the Kampuchean people suffer?

The root cause is the occupation of Kampuchea by the Vietnamese army. The policy of starvation is directed from Hanoi to exterminate the Kampuchean race. This is because the main support of the resistan­ce movement in the Kampuchean masses, the people. The people are exterminated, in order to stop the resistance movement. Thus is the tactic used by the U S in its genocidal war of aggression in Indochina. But, the Kampuchean people will surely win as they did earlier against the U S in the struggle against foreign aggression.

4 What is your opinion on the fundamen­tal issues of the conference in terms of building a broad United Front against the Vietnamese invasion?

On the positive side the conference built the basis for a broad front that can be united to oppose the intervention in Kampuchea and support the self deter­mination of the Kampuchean people. line the Kampuchean the view was agreed upon to support all forces who fight against the intervention and for Kampuchean national inde­pendence. These two movements to unite the many are very important weapons that can prevent the very extinction of the Kampu­chean people who are struggling against for their liberation.
One very positive aspect of the Confedere was the popular exposure of Soviet social-imperialism (SSI), how it's on the offensive internationally and how the struggle inside Kampuchea is key in showing people how to deal with the rising danger of war, and the fact that foreign aggression and a fascist superpower must be dealt with before it can escalate to a global war. Speakers pointed out that WW's started when one great power was allowed to intervene unilaterally, to now being engaged in a truly democratic Kampuchea, after the withdrawal of the Vietnamese, can the people of Kampuchea be able to elect their own leaders and decide its political and social system, as well as its institutions

The Kampuchean people surely deserve the American people's support. The Kampuchean people's struggle enjoys wide support internationally, despite the demobilization and slanders by the imperialists, social-imperialists and reactionaries against their continuing struggle, their revolution and their legitimate government. CORES and LPR were confident in that among other things, the Conference would help to significantly move forward Kampuchean support work in the US. However, support work here is not developing as it should and could. We say this because people in the US have a special responsibility towards the Kampuchean people. Our own bourgeoisie has had a big role to play in the sufferings of our Kampuchean brothers and sisters. Foreign imperialist aggressors who brutally bombed and assailed Kampuchea before they were kicked out by Kampuchean revolutionaries in 1975, and now because of their attacks and slanders and continuing attempts to moddle into Kampuchean affairs. We are living within an advanced capitalist country which greatly facilitates the possibilities of gathering material aid, as well as the task of waging a broad educational campaign about what is really happening in Kampuchea and why. And yet, the enormous potential of the US people, who in many ways have shown their willingness to provide material help to Kampuchea, at least in terms of combating the hunger and disease, is still largely untapped.

As members of the US delegation to the Kampuchean people in order to really fulfill our proletarian internationalist duties. We call on all progressive and revolutionary minded people to join efforts to intensify and broaden our educational work and correct this situation. We call on the US Kampuchea Support Committee (KSC) to provide material help to Kampuchea, to continue their sincere efforts to support the Kampuchean people in their just struggle for the survival of their nation and their legitimate government. As members of the US delegation to the Kampuchean people in order to really fulfill our proletarian internationalist duties. We call on all progressive and revolutionary minded people to join efforts to intensify and broaden our educational work and correct this situation.

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA**

The International Conference in Support of Democratic Kampuchea unanimously agrees to:

- Vigorously Condemns the brutal occupation of Democratic Kampuchea by Vietnam
- Demands the immediate, total and unconditional withdrawal of foreign troops—Vietnamese and any other—that are on Kampuchean soil, as well as the withdrawal of all Vietnamese occupants stationed in Kampuchea by Vietnam after the invasion
- Warmly salutes the September 21st decision of the General Assembly of the United Nations to maintain Democratic Kampuchea's seat, and the resolution to demand the withdrawal of the foreign troops in Kampuchea adopted on November 14, 1979
- Demands the right to self-determination of Kampuchean people, free of all foreign influence, subversion or threat. Only in a truly democratic Kampuchea, after the withdrawal of the Vietnamese, can the people of Kampuchea be able to freely decide its political and social system, as well as its institutions
- Calls on all forces which support this resolution to unite efforts in order to mobilize all people who believe in peace, independence and justice into one single force which will support the people of Kampuchea in their struggle against the Vietnamese aggression and invasion, and which will not rest until the last Vietnamese soldier has left Kampuchea and the independence of the people and nation of Kampuchea is guaranteed once again

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While daily cementing the supreme sacrifice, our people and our revolutionary army are clearly conscious of the international stake of their struggle. They realize that they are not only struggling for the survival of the nation of Kampuchea, but also for the defense of peace and security in Southeast Asia, the Pacific and the world. It is why the ASEAN countries and other countries of Southeast Asia, Asia and the Pacific as well as the overwhelming majority of the countries of Europe, Africa, North America and Latin America, many political organizations and mass organizations of various tendencies and beliefs, and peace and justice loving personalities in the world over, have granted us their full support and are demanding the same thing. "Let Vietnam withdraw all its forces of aggression andjpeg from Kampuchea and respect the independence and sovereignty of the Kampuchean people!"