IENG SARY'S SPEECH

Speech of Ieng Sary, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs of the government of Democratic Kampuchea during the welcome dinner in the honour of Daniel Leon Burstein, member of the central committee of the Communist Party Marxist-Leninist of the USA editor of the Journal "The Call" and his delegation on April 22, 1978 in Phnom Penh

Respected Comrade Daniel Leon Burstein,
Dear Members of the Delegation,
Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea and the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, we have great pleasure to extend our warmest welcome to Comrade Deniel Leon Burstein, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party Marxist-Leninist of the USA, Editor of the journal "The Call" and his delegation.

Comrades, you are the first Americans who have come and paid a visit to our country since April 17, 1975 when the people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea won the historic glorious victory over the US imperialist aggressors and their lackeys, and totally and definitively liberated Kampuchea.

We would like to receive all comrades as representatives of the vanguard unit of the American workers class and the American people who have stood by the side of the just cause of our Kampuchea's people. At this reception, it reminds us of the great number of young Americans and people of the USA who waged a valiant struggle against the devastating and barbarous war of the US imperialists against Kampuchea and actively supported the national liberation struggle of the Kampuchea's people. Especially, we are moved to recall the memory of the US students at the Kent and Jackson's States colleges. Therefore, it is in these sincere and friendly feelings towards the American people that we have today received you.

Comrades, you have come and paid a visit to our Democratic Kampuchea at the moment the situation of country is excellent. After the celebrations of the 3rd anniversary of the glorious victory of April 17, 1975 and the founding of Democratic Kampuchea, the people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea, under the correct leadership of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, are impetuously carrying on their tasks of
defending Democratic Kampuchea, pursuing the socialist revolution and edifying socialism, by firmly abiding by the position of collectivism and of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, of being masters of their own destiny.

In the task of defending Democratic Kampuchea, we have totally crushed all activities of spying and subversion of enemies of all kinds, including the Vietnamese and CIA activities, who are cooperating together aiming at destroying Kampuchea’s revolution and staging coups d’Etat to overthrow Democratic Kampuchea. We have successfully safeguarded, strengthened, developed and embellished the worker-peasant States power of the Party. After the great victory of January 6, 1978 won by our Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea over the acts of the Vietnamese aggressors, annexationists and swallowers of territories, the people and the Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea have overcome all difficulties in order to be always masters of the situation in defending the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea and in insuring her perenniality.

During your visit, Comrades will be directly aware of the endeavours of our people by relying on their own forces in edifying their country, impoving their standard of living and edifying a new society with equality, justice, genuine democracy, without exploiting class and exploited class. Through the results we have won during these past three years, we have successively acquired more bases to solve the contradictions, between cities and countryside, between workers and peasants, between manual labourers and intellectuals, between the economic basis and the superstructure, between cadres and the mass. In order to achieve this so great and new noble ideal in the history of mankind, we need to mobilize all our forces and time. We have no reason to provoke anybody whatever. We want only to have peace in honour and dignity, in independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of our own country. Despite all their painful past, the people of Kampuchea look only forwards to their present and future. Democratic Kampuchea wishes to have close ties of friendship with all countries, near or far, on the basis of equality and mutual respect. But we are resolute to struggle against all acts of aggression the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea.

Your Communist Party Marxist-Leninist of the USA and your journal "The Call" have successively expressed their support to our endeavours in our tasks at this new stage of the revolution of Kampuchea.

We highly appreciate and we express our sincere thanks.

Your visit is an encouragement for us as well as an occasion for mutual understanding in order to further strengthen the friendship between the Kampuchea's people and the American people.

In these sentiments, we propose a toast:

♦ for the development of the friendship between the Kampuchea's people and the American people.

♦ for the heath of Comrade Michael Klonsky, Chairman of the Communist Party Marxist-Leninist of the USA,

♦ for the health and good stay in Democratic Kampuchea of Comrade Daniel Leon Burstein and all members of the Delegation,

♦ for the health of all comrades present here.