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7. Viet-Nam at one Time Saved the Throne of Cambodia

Vietnamese peace lovers were surprised to hear of the accusation that Viet-Nam invaded Cambodia, and one that was made by the Government of Cambodia at the United Nations.

Viet-Nam quietly repudiated the boisterous, yet unfounded charge made by Cambodia. The world has had the opportunity to witness and compare the conciliatory attitude of Viet-Nam with that of the roaring animosity of Cambodia. The Vietnamese Government well understands that if a conflict broke out between the two nations, the only one that would stand to profit would be the Communists. This major concern explains why Viet-Nam has remained passive and willingly overlooked Cambodian provocative actions.

We cannot comprehend what could possibly induce Cambodia to make up this fallacy. Is it the old deception of trying to divert the attention of the public from their concern over the menace of communism, the administration decay, political and economical deadlocks, and result of a dangerous neutral policy?

Everyone is aware that Prince Sihanouk, founder of the present Cambodian neutralism, has refused to enter into close relations with communist countries. Would it therefore be advisable for an anti-communist militant to seek quarrels with his most faithful and tenacious ally? If not, why does Sihanouk tolerate open activities of the Vietcong in Cambodian territory?

Could it be that communist infiltration has become so serious that the Cambodian authorities are unable to hold out against the influence of the communist stooges even though they never intend to break off friendly relations with Viet-Nam?

Cambodia does not ignore the fact that the Vietnamese are a valiant people who have many times driven back Chinese invaders in the past, and had, under the Nguyen dynasty, saved the Cambodian throne from the claws of the rebels. The Vietnamese people are very angered at the massacres and plundering along the border committed by Cambodian Armed Forces. They cannot maintain silence forever when their national honor is at stake.

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