

editorial

It is our duty to support the Kampuchean people

The Kampuchean people are presently being hammered with the blows of a naked and barbaric Vietnamese-Soviet military aggression. This small people of 8 million, which for three years has been peacefully building its country, today faces the aggression of the combined forces of the Soviet bloc. For behind the Vietnamese army there looms, without a doubt, the Soviet bear and the Warsaw Pact forces.

Why are social-imperialism and its Vietnamese agent so relentlessly hostile toward the Kampuchean people?

For the simple reason that Kampuchea, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Kampuchea was building a socialist, independent and non-aligned country by relying on its own forces and fiercely opposing all hegemonism, small or big. In fact, **Democratic Kampuchea was the main obstacle standing in the way of Vietnamese regional ambitions and the USSR's strategic plans for that part of the world.**

For a long time Vietnam has been trying to set up an "Indochinese Federation" under its control, and the USSR is using every means to penetrate southeast Asia. Having the same interests, Vietnam and the USSR became allies, with Vietnam becoming the USSR's regional servant. Jointly they attacked Kampuchea.

The USSR's aggressive march toward world hegemony was brutally stepped up in 1978. Ethiopia, Yemen and Afghanistan have each been victims of this aggression. Now it is Kampuchea's turn.

The danger of social-imperialism is weighing increasingly heavy on the peoples of the world. That's why the appeal for help sent out by the Kampuchean leaders to all "close and distant friends" did not go unanswered. Rumania and Yugoslavia have condemned the Soviet-Vietnamese invasion, the countries of southeast Asia refuse to recognize the puppet government set up by the Vietnamese, and a growing number of coun-

tries support Democratic Kampuchea at the UN.

During the '60s and '70s, powerful movements of support for the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia developed around the world. They played an important role in the victory of these peoples over US imperialism. Today we must build movements to support the Kampuchean people equally strong as those of ten years ago. **Because it is the same struggle once again.** The Soviet Union has replaced American imperialism and today's leaders in Vietnam, Le Duan-Pham Van dong, are playing the same role as yesterday's puppets, Thieu and Ky. It is vital to have no illusions about Vietnam's leaders. They are traitors who have sold out their country to the USSR and have again imposed imperialism's yoke on their people. They have trampled underfoot 30 years of heroic struggle by the Vietnamese people.

As Canadian Marxist-Leninists, we have a particular responsibility to the Kampuchean people. In the past Canada backed up US imperialist aggression and today continues to spread lies and slanders about supposed massacres in Kampuchea. We must vigorously oppose the Canadian government's actions, and build a vast people's movement to support the people of Kampuchea and denounce the Canadian government's actions. We call on all sincere anti-imperialists and progressive people to join with us.

Led by the CPK, the Kampuchean people are launching a just **people's war** against the Vietnamese-Soviet aggression.

Let us not forget the immortal words of Mao Zedong (Mao Tsetung): **"The people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country, if only they dare to rise in struggle, dare to take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country."**

People's war is invincible! The Kampuchean people will win!

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