

**POL POT SAYS 'SITUATION IS EXCELLENT'**

# CHINA GREETES KAMPUCHEAN LEADER

"The general situation of the revolution is excellent!"

These were the words of Pol Pot, leader of the Kampuchean Communist Party and Prime Minister of Democratic Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) at a banquet welcoming him in China last week.

Hundreds of thousands of Chinese people lined the streets of Peking to welcome the Kampuchean delegation on their arrival. Pol Pot and other leaders were greeted at the airport by Chinese

Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

The visit of the Kampuchean delegation, which took place on the seventeenth anniversary of the founding of the Kampuchean Communist Party, served to underscore the militant friendship between the peoples of Cambodia and China.

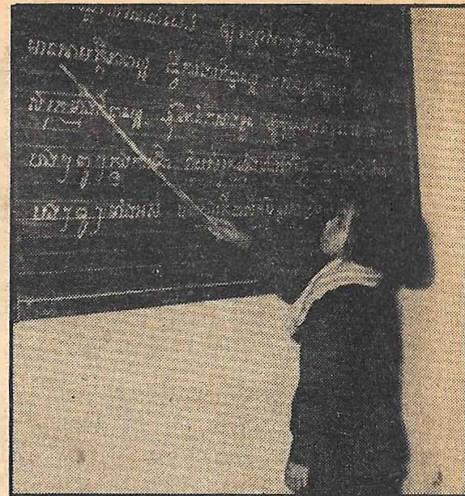
In his banquet speech, Pol Pot outlined some of the main achievements of the revolution since Kampuchea was liberated from the control of U.S. imperialism and its puppets in April 1975.

He said that the population of the country was still about eight million (exposing the absurd fabrication by the imperialists that two million people have been "massacred" since the revolution).

The Kampuchean leader described the gains that have been made in education, medical care and agriculture. He pointed out that illiteracy has been reduced by over 80%, that sufficient rice is available for every family and that a medical clinic is now available for every 100 families.

Pol Pot stressed that the mass storm of revolution had swept aside much of the legacy left over from the days of imperialism and colonialism. He also stated unequivocally that Kampuchea would defend itself against any aggression towards its territory. This was a clear warning to the superpowers who have tried to prod neighboring countries into attacking Kampuchea.

Inside Kampuchea, the Party's anniversary was marked by an extensive statement from the leadership explaining the



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Party's work over the last 17 years of clandestine activity. The message was carried over the radio and was widely studied and discussed by the people. It affirmed that the Kampuchean Communist Party had been the leading force in the war of liberation and in winning the victory of the Kampuchean revolution.

