

Condemn Viet Nam authorities' efforts to overthrow Kampuchea

After months of steadily intensifying their aggression against Democratic Kampuchea, the Vietnamese authorities have now openly announced their intention to overthrow the Kampuchean government led by Premier Pol Pot, and replace it with a puppet regime that will answer to Hanoi. Gone completely is the Vietnamese rulers' pretense of "defending" themselves from "Kampuchean aggression." People all over the world are condemning these actions by Viet Nam — a country that calls itself socialist, but acts as an aggressor.

On December 5, Radio Hanoi proclaimed the formation of a so-called "Kampuchean United Front for National Salvation," which has issued a call "to rise up for the struggle to overthrow the Pol Pot (government)." In the same radio statement, the

Vietnamese government announced the establishment of "liberated territory" in Kampuchea, which will be used as a base for further aggression against Kampuchea.

For some time, the Vietnamese authorities have tried to take over Kampuchea. They launched a massive invasion of Kampuchea last winter, but it was defeated. In recent weeks, with the onset of the dry season, Vietnamese military attacks have increased again, with incursions into the Brek, Memot, and Snoul areas of Kampuchea. Vietnamese planes have bombed Kampuchean villages in Kratie Province, and Vietnamese forces have used poison gas against the Kampuchean people.

Viet Nam has been training and supplying reactionary Kampuchean elements to serve as a counter-

revolutionary force for the Vietnamese authorities. It is these elements that compose the so-called "Kampuchean United Front." Evidently, the Vietnamese have not learned from the U.S. experience in setting up fronts to cover for aggression. They should recall what happened to the Lon Nol and Ky-Thieu groups set up by the U.S.

The actions of the Vietnamese authorities are backed up by the Soviet social-imperialists, who have gained increasing influence in Viet Nam. Moscow would like to see Kampuchea placed under Viet Nam's control, for this would help in extending the penetration of the Soviets in Asia and help to encircle socialist China.

The Kampuchean people are united in their struggle against the Vietnamese authorities. They did not defeat the U.S. imperialists to be dominated by another foreign country.

The aggression of the Vietnamese authorities is a betrayal of the millions of people in this country and around the world, who for years protested U.S. aggression against Viet Nam, Kampuchea and Laos. Today, in the spirit of the anti-war movement, the U.S. people should oppose the new aggression against Kampuchea, and support the Kampuchean people's just struggle to defend their national independence.