



*Kampuchean soldiers in one of the liberated areas near Kompong Speu, south west of Phnom Penh. They control the road from the port of Kompong Som, making the capital only accessible from the air.*

# KAMPUCHEA PART OF A COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSION

The struggle of the people of Kampuchea (Cambodia) against Vietnamese aggression, and Soviet social imperialist expansion has achieved much support from throughout the world. Only recently Vietnam tried to get the puppet government they installed in Phnom Penh accepted as a member of the "Non-Aligned Movement". 81 of the 87 countries involved rejected the move.

The Vietnamese have spread many lies. First they said that there was "merely" an "internal uprising" in Kampuchea. Recently they admitted that they had many troops there. Several times they have claimed to have eliminated all opposition, when in fact the defensive war of the Kampuchean people continues unabated. Most recently they claim to have defeated the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army and to be now engaged only in "mopping up" operations. Yet they have had to send in an extra 50,000 troops! They had to be airlifted to different towns because few main roads are open to the Vietnamese aggressors. Convoys are ambushed and cut to pieces. They claimed that the government of Democratic Kampuchea had fled the country, but the spokesman for the foreign ministry of Democratic Kampuchea refuted "this lying story" and said: "In reality the leadership of the Kampuchean people's liberation war is inside the country, and is engaged in

the direction of the people's war.

On April 16 - weeks after the supposed flight of the government - a meeting was called inside Kampuchea to celebrate the 4th anniversary of the defeat of US imperialism. The main speech was given by comrade Khieu Sampan, the President of Democratic Kampuchea. So much for Vietnam's lies.

The people of Kampuchea are fighting a struggle for the survival of their nation, and their right to self-determination. Furthermore they are in the frontline resisting Soviet expansionism and their struggle is of great importance to the world struggle. Not surprisingly they have received massive international support.

## LETTER FROM CPK

Recently the Revolutionary Communist League (RCL) received a letter from the external relations committee of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea (CPK) which was sent on instructions by the Central Committee, and its Secretary comrade Pol Pot.

The letter is sent in appreciation of the many messages of solidarity and active support for the Kampuchean people from around the world.

For the benefit of workers and other revolutionary and progressive people in Britain, who have stood by the Kampuchean people, we reprint extracts below.

The letter starts by expressing "the deep and sincere thanks of the CPK, the government of Democratic Kampuchea, the people and the Kampuchean Revolutionary Army, and their respect for your spirit of international solidarity".

The letter condemns "the Vietnamese regional expansionists, supported by their masters, the Soviet international expansionists", who are "intensifying their war of aggression in Kampuchea." It warns of the "feverish activities that the expansionists are carrying out at present" and that "this war threatens to extend to other countries of South East Asia".

It goes on: "Our people and our Revolutionary Army are strongly encouraged by your support and your various actions to denounce the Vietnamese aggression, to demand the immediate total retreat of all Vietnamese troops from Democratic Kampuchea, and to defy the attempts of the Vietnamese and the Soviets to force us to recognise their occupation of the territory of Democratic Kampuchea and to legalise their criminal aggression by the recognition of their lapdogs in Phnom Penh".

The international significance of their struggle is also pointed out: "In pursuing a protracted peoples war to defend the continued existence of their nation, the sacred cause of independence, of sovereignty, of the territorial integrity of Democratic Kampuchea, and the right to decide themselves their own destiny and that of their country, our people and our revolutionary army are fully conscious that their struggle is just as much a contribution to peace, security and stability in this region and in the world".

The letter finishes in a militant tone: "Strengthened by the active support, by the encouragement, and by the sympathy for the peoples desire for peace, independence and justice, which has been given by political parties and mass organisations around the world, including your people and your organisation, the Kampuchean people are determined to pursue the struggle until final victory, which will be our common victory".

It is indeed a common struggle, against the common enemy of Soviet social imperialism.