

SIHANOUK'S CONCERENCE IN PYONGYANG

IN TAM ARRIVED IN PARIS MARCH 17 FROM THE MARCH 10 CAMBODIAN CONFERENCE IN PYONGYANG.

THE CONFERENCE BEGAN AT 10:00 A.M. WITH A TETE-A-TETE MEETING BETWEEN SIHANOUK AND KHIEU SAMPHAN IN WHICH SIHANOUK ASKED ABOUT HIS MISSING RELATIVES. KHIEU SAMPHAN WAS NOT ABLE TO GIVE ANY ANSWER OTHER THAN THAT THE RELATIVES HAD DISAPPEARED DURING THE VIETNAMESE INVASION. ACCORDING TO IN TAM, SIHANOUK WAS DISSATISFIED WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN'S RESPONSE, AND THIS TWENTY-MINUTE PRIVATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO WAS AN INAUSPICIOUS PRELUDE TO THE GENERAL MEETING THAT FOLLOWED.

ON THE SIHANOUK SIDE WAS BOUR HELL FROM BANGKOK AND CHAK SAREOUN FROM PARIS, IN ADDITION TO IN TAM AND NHIEK TIOULONG. WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN WAS KEAT CHHON, OK SAKUN, AND SAM SAN. AT LEAST SOME OF THE MEETING WAS VIDEOTAPED BY THE FRENCH TV STATION YF1. IN TAM BROUGHT THE TAPE BACK TO PARIS. (WE ARE TOLD IT WAS SHOWN LATE LAST NIGHT; WE ARE TRYING TO GET A COPY OF THE TAPE.)

SIHANOUK OPENED THE GENERAL MEETING BY PRESENTING THREE POINTS:

- A. A SIHANOUK ARMY SHOULD BE CREATED, IN ORDER TO AVOID DOMINATION OF THE ANTI-VIETNAMESE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT BY THE KHMER ROUGE.

- B. A NUMBER OF PARTIES SHOULD COMPETE IN EVENTUAL ELECTIONS IN CAMBODIA -- A SIHANOUK PARTY AS WELL AS THE SON SANN PARTY AND THE KHMER ROUGE PARTY.

- C. WHEN THE VIETNAMESE DEPART, ALL CAMBODIAN FORCES SHOULD LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND CAMBODIA SHOULD BE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE SPONSORED BY

THE UN.

6. KHIEU SAMPHAN AGREED TO THE FIRST TWO POINTS. HOWEVER, HE DEMURRED ON THE THIRD, WITHOUT FORMALLY REJECTING IT. HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES DURING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE.

7. AFTER TWO HOURS KHIEU SAMPHAN ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO HAVE THREE SESSIONS, BUT IT WAS AGREED AT THIS FIRST SESSION THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS FURTHER.

8. SIHANOUK ASKED IN TAM TO CONTACT PENN NOUTH AND SON SANN IN PARIS TO BRIEF THEM ON THE PYONGYANG CONFERENCE. IN TAM HAS BEEN APPOINTED SIHANOUK'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA. NHIEK TIOULONG SIMILARLY HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR EUROPE. IN TAM SAID THAT TIOULONG WILL REMAIN IN PYONGYANG FOR KIM IL SUNG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS APRIL 15 AND THEN WILL ACCOMPANY SIHANOUK TO BEIJING ON APRIL 20. (NHIEK TIOULONG'S DAUGHTER, WHO WORKS FOR OUR EMBASSY, SAID THEIR FAMILY HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SIHANOUK SAYING THAT HE NEEDED TO KEEP TIOULONG WITH HIM FOR UNTIL MID-APRIL, AND THAT ANOTHER MEETING WOULD BE TAKING PLACE IN PYONGYANG IN EARLY APRIL. HOWEVER, A LETTER FROM TIOULONG TO THE FAMILY SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO PARIS IN LATE MARCH BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO STAY WITH SIHANOUK UNTIL JUNE, WHEN HE PLANS TO COME TO FRANCE.

9. IN TAM SAID HE ALSO HAS BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF ORGANIZING THE SIHANOUK ARMY. FOR THIS PURPOSE HE WILL TRAVEL TO THAILAND AFTER A SHORT TIME BACK IN THE U.S. CHAK SAROEUN WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. THEY BOTH OBTAINED THAI VISAS IN BEIJING. THEY PLAN TO DEPART FOR WASHINGTON MARCH 22.

10. IN TAM SAID THAT THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN PYONGYANG HAD COME TO SEE SIHANOUK TO INQUIRE WHETHER SIHANOUK WOULD RECEIVE THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ASEAN. SIHANOUK AGREED TO THIS.

11. FOLLOWING A LECTURE BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR MARCH 17 EMBOFF SPOKE WITH IM SAROEUN, DK DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO. EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT NOT MUCH SEEMED TO HAVE COME OUT OF THE PYONGYANG CONFERENCE. IM SAROEUN SMILED AND SAID THAT NO, ON THE CONTRARY, THEY (THE DK) WERE RATHER SATISFIED WITH THE CONFERENCE.

12. AT THE SAME FUNCTION THE SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD SEEN SON SANN THAT DAY AND THAT SON SANN HAD BEEN "VERY NEGATIVE" ON THE PROSPECTS FOR A UNITED FRONT WITH THE KHMER ROUGE.

13. DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS SON SANN HAS ALSO SEEN THE JAPANESE AND PHILIPPINE AMBASSADORS AND FRANCOIS HISSOFFE, PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S ADVISOR ON ASIAN AFFAIRS.

14. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF IN TAM'S LETTER OF CREDENCE
AS SIHANOUK'S REPRESENTATIVE.

BEGIN TEXT: SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOUR OF INFORMING YOU THAT FORMER PRIME
MINISTER IN TAM, OF CAMBODIA (KAMPUCHEA), IS MY PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES (THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, CANADA, THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND, SINGAPORE,
MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA,
NEW ZEALAND.....).

I BEG OF YOU TO GRANT HIM YOUR KIND COMPREHENSION, WHEN
HE EXPOSES TO YOU MY POLITICAL VIEWS, PLANS AND REQUESTS.

I AM, SIR, SINCERELY YOURS.

PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA
PYONG YANG, MARCH 1981. END TEXT