

Peking Assails U.S. on Cambodia

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HONG KONG, Tuesday, May 5—The Chinese Communist Government denounced the United States yesterday for sending troops into Cambodia and pledged support for three Indochinese peoples. The statement asserted that their 'patriotic struggle' against American forces until complete victory.

The statement which was broadcast this morning by Peking radio, did not commit Peking to direct involvement in the conflict in Indochina but appeared to imply that its support would come indirectly. It reiterated that the Chinese people would provide "strong backing" for the people of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and expressed the belief that these three peoples would defeat "the U.S. aggressors and all their lackeys."

The statement was the first response to the dispatch of American troops into Cambodia, announced by President Nixon last Thursday. Hsinhua, the Chinese press agency, earlier denounced the United States for providing advisers, planes and artillery in support of the initial South Vietnamese drive into Cambodian territory but its comment came before President Nixon announced the involvement of American ground forces.

'Massive Invasion' Charged

Describing the dispatch of American and South Vietnamese troops against Communist strongholds in Cambodia as a "massive invasion," the Chinese statement asserted that President Nixon, "tearing off all masks of peace," had "brazenly launched a barbarous

war of aggression against the Cambodian people." "This is a very grave step taken by U. S. imperialism to further expand the war of aggression in Indochina," the statement said. The statement asserted that the new development showed that the ouster on March 18 of Prince Norodom Sihanouk as Cambodia's head of state had been "entirely premeditated and engineered by the Nixon Administration."

Peking expressed support for a statement issued by Prince Sihanouk last Saturday calling on the people of the world to condemn the United States "armed intervention" in Cambodia and provide aid to the Cambodian people "struggling against the traitors and foreign invaders." The Chinese also expressed support for statements attacking the United States made by North Vietnam, the Vietcong's provisional revolutionary government of South Vietnam and the Pathet Lao.