

CAMBODIA WAR SAID TO CAUSE MAJOR PEKING SHIFT

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Those who have had a first-hand opportunity to assess the situation in Peking and Hanoi describe it "as a wholly new ball game." What faces the United States now in South-east Asia, they believe, is protracted war with virtually no possibility of arriving at a settlement in Vietnam unless there is a settlement covering Laos and Cambodia at the same time.

In fact, some who are close to Peking's thinking even suggest that the settlement would have to cover "all of Southeast Asia, including Thailand."

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As far as U.S.-Chinese relations are concerned, it was agreed by those with access to both Chinese and American circles that the prospect of effective negotiation had been killed for the foreseeable future as a result of the Indochinese events.

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