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Irate Khmer Rouge Beat Soviet Newsman

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PARIS, May 8—The Russians in Phom Penh felt the sting of Khmer Rouge's dislike of foreigners soon after the Cambodian capital's capture, a *Le Monde* reported said today.

In an eyewitness account of Phom Penh's fall, reporter Patrice De Beer said a correspondent for Tass, the official Soviet news agency, was roughed up by Khmer Rouge soldiers.

The Tass man, who was not identified, was accused of writing favorably about a young nationalist adventurer, self-styled Gen. Hem Keth Dara, who appeared in Phom Penh as a "liberator" at the head of 200 supporters shortly before the main Khmer Rouge army entered the city. Dara, who later disappeared and may have been arrested, was denounced by the Khmer Rouge as a "CIA agent" ordered to spread panic, de Bere wrote.

While the Khmer Rouge showed marked distrust of all foreigners, de Beer said, their treatment of the Russian appeared linked to resentment that the Soviets recognized the Lon Nol government until the final days of the war.
