

# CAMBODIA INVITES AID FROM ABROAD

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Rulers, in About-Face, Say 'All Countries' Can Help, but Without Strings  
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BANGKOK, Thailand, May 12 (Reuters) — Cambodia's new rulers admitted today that they faced great difficulties in rebuilding their country, and said they would be prepared to accept foreign aid.

"Our foreign policy is one of independence, neutrality and nonalignment," a Cambodian radio broadcast monitored here said. "We have friends in the whole world because of the position we have adopted. Therefore, we do not have to fear any country and we can accept aid from all countries."

The broadcast said Cambodia had been ravaged by the Americans and, as a result, "we have great difficulties in rebuilding our country."

The rulers there asserted last week that they wanted no foreign aid at all, "We want to be our own masters," they said.

## No Conditions on Aid

The about-face suggested the full extent of the problems created by five years of war—and the chaos following an order to evacuate all big towns.

Foreign aid, the broadcast said, must be unconditional, and not given "for the purpose of espionage or interference in our internal politics."

Foreigners who were trapped in the French Embassy at Phnom Penh for two weeks after the city was taken over by the Communist forces reported a complete breakdown of even the most basic administrative structure following the order for the population to quit



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Laotian soldiers at their position yesterday 16 miles from Vientiane

the cities and work in the fields.

Some refugees said they had been told that such essential personnel as electrical engineers would be allowed back into Phnom Penh after a few months.

## Some French Stayed

PARIS, May 12 (Agence France-Presse) — Jean Dyrac, the French vice consul who organized the evacuation of foreigners from the embassy in Phnom Penh, told President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing here today that when he left with

the last refugee convoy on Thursday, there were three or four French nationals still in Cambodia.

Speaking to newsmen after seeing the President, Mr. Dyrac said that a number of French people who had been assimilated into Cambodian society, most of them Eurasians, had remained.

## Sihanouk Bid to Asians

TOKYO, May 12 (UPI)—

Prince Norodom Sihanouk has urged Asian countries to abandon their "pro-imperialist" stand and join the third world as a step toward establishment of friendly ties with Cambodia, a Japanese legislator reported today.

Kozo Sasaki, former chairman of the Socialist party and a member of its left wing, said at a news conference that Prince Sihanouk, who has lived in exile in Peking since he was ousted as the Cambodian chief

of state five years ago, made the appeal in a recent cable. Mr. Sasaki did not say when he received the cable.

He quoted Prince Sihanouk as saying that "genuine friendship and mutual trust cannot be attained as long as Asian countries pursue their pro-imperialist policies," and that "a wide gap exists between our revolutionary Cambodian Government and pro-imperialist Asian countries, and this gap

cannot be removed unless they join the third world."

On Friday the Philippines proposed expansion of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to include other countries, including the new Communist regimes in Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Japan recognized the new Cambodian Government shortly after the government of President Lon Nol was ousted, but there has so far been no response from Phnom Penh. Mr.

Sasaki said he plans to visit Peking soon for talks with Prince Sihanouk.

## Cambodian Demand Reported

BANGKOK, May 12 (Agence France-Presse) — A Cambodian Communist border commander called upon Thai authorities to return all Cambodians who fled into Thailand after the fall of Phnom Penh, an official of the Thai border district of Aranya-prathet reported.