

# U.N. Ignores Cambodia Death March

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The United Nations, collectively and separately, continues to ignore the forced evacuation of an estimated 3 million Cambodians from the cities to the countryside.

Yet this must go down in history as the greatest atrocity since the Nazis herded Jews into the gas chambers. The mass exodus was a death march, with reports of bodies abandoned along the way. An estimated 1 million people are expected to die from hunger and exposure in the hinterland, where the food stocks simply aren't adequate to feed the city population.

The details, however, have been bottled up. As we reported in an earlier column, the Communists have sealed off Cambodia so that almost no information leaks out.

An intelligence memo, prepared for the White House, reports this much:

"Although the accounts are confused, and in many cases conflicting, it is clear that the forced march out of Phnom Penh resulted in death for many of the young, old and weak among the city's 2 million inhabitants."

Another million people from other towns were driven out of their homes and were forced to join the death march.

Continues the intelligence document: "First-hand accounts from individuals caught up in the forced exodus—and who subsequently exited the country—paint a grim picture.

"One reported scores of bodies floating in a river near the capital. According to doctors among the marchers, scores of people died from cholera, dehydration or hunger since the Communists provided no food, water or medicine throughout the long march.\*

"Having forcefully relocated the urban population, there is evidence that the leadership is having difficulty adequately caring for its new wards and the toll of human lives is likely to continue as the result of disease and famine."

Why did the Communists empty the cities? Declares the memo: "The removal of the urban population to the countryside is clearly a deliberate and calculated policy of the new leadership and appears to be aimed at furthering the Communists' plan to remake completely Cambodian society in the shortest possible time, relieving the strain on urban food

supplies and facilitating consolidation of control over the cities and towns."

But the full "magnitude of human suffering caused by this policy," suggests the memo, "will probably never be fully known."

**Amin's Advice**—From his jungle kingdom in deep Africa, Gen. Idi Amin, the irrepressible madcap ruler of Uganda, is always ready with unsolicited advice for world leaders.

He counseled President Ford to appoint a black Vice President and to replace Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger with a black. Amin also cabled the United Nations recommending its transfer to his own backwater capital city of Kampala which, he explained, was "the center of the earth between Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas."

His latest missive to a world leader, according to intelligence reports, was addressed to Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. Amin offered to send his comic-opera army to help "liberate" Arab lands from Israel.

Uganda stands ready "whether called upon or not," Amin notified Sadat, to fight with its "Arab brothers and sisters" for the "liberation" of Arab territory.

**Patent Lobby**—In the past, the patent lobby has been defeated in its efforts to gain antitrust exemptions that would cost the consumers billions. Now the lobbyists have found a new water carrier, Sen. Hiram Fong (R-Hawaii).

He is pushing legislation that would give certain industries billions by letting them use patent monopolies to raise prices, corner markets and partition sales territories.

One company that would profit from the legislation is Monsanto. The Senate aide who helped Fong draft the measure is Robert Seto, once a patent lawyer for Monsanto.

**Park Policy**—Our columns about the special concessions that the Music Corp. of America conglomerate obtained at Yosemite spurred the Interior Department to investigate concessioners.

A report by the special task force largely clears the National Park Service of catering to the concessioners. But one section points out: "Concessioners are well aware of their ability to influence decision-making by making direct appeals to political figures.

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