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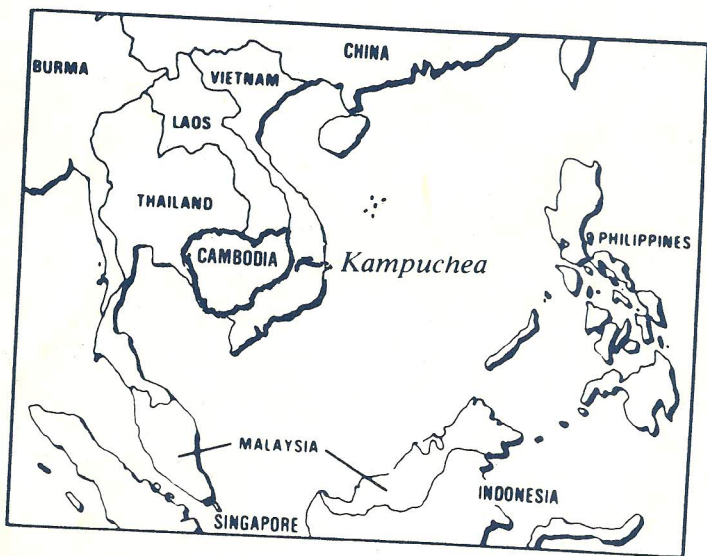
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Far East Reporter Introduction

There are conflicting analyses of the situation in Kampuchea. It may be some time before unchallenged facts are established and accepted. But meanwhile there are both historical and current facts that must be taken into account if the issue is to be correctly analyzed.

The essay by Thiounn Mumm, writing as Chairman of the National Committee for Science and Technology of Democratic Kampuchea, helps place Kampuchea in its historical setting.

The Kampuchean people are a people with an ancient civilization dating back at least twelve centuries before the year One AD, a people with great political, economic and technological achievements. Their Angkor Kingdom had once been the most powerful state on the Southeast Asian mainland.

The Kampuchean people are also a people and nation who have centuries-long been engaged in tortuous struggles against alien encroachments -- struggles to retrieve and maintain their identity as a people and nation.

Encroachment by Vietnam is not something new. A century and a half ago the Kampuchean people were conquered by a Vietnamese army "supervised by Europeans." This was in 1840, but sounds like 1978. This Vietnamese intrusion and the subsequent success of the Kampuchean people, in 1845, in chasing the invaders out is, even to today, graven in the consciousness of patriotic Kampuchean people.

