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Under heading "An Objective Soviet Article on Cambodia" leftist Dépêche, July 6, cited passages from an article (title not given) by Alexandre Gouriev in Soviet magazine New Times (Number 23, 1960). Dépêche called article "perfectly documented on the internal situation in our country" and felt New Times had not included excessive Communist propaganda.

Dépêche cited several of New Times paragraphs which echoed present Cambodian official line regarding menaces posed by South Viet-Nam and Thailand and presented "portraits" of Son Ngoc Thanh and Sam Sary which might have been drawn from Sihanouk's speeches.

Dépêche concluded its excerpts from New Times with paragraph treating Cambodia's troubles with Free World, which Dépêche felt Soviet writer "understood well". In this final excerpt New Times reportedly said that neutral Cambodia was a constant irritation to Washington politicians, since it exercises great influence on public opinion in Asian states which US has led into military pacts. Added that at moment "invisible empire" created by Pentagon cracking at seams, example of neutral Cambodia especially contagious. "That is why Washington intensifying its intrigues against this country", concluded Dépêche's excerpt from Russian magazine.

COMMENT: Dépêche's characterization as "objective" of an article which makes direct charge that USG involved in anti-Cambodian intrigues gives good indication of extremes to which extreme leftist editor Chau Seng, also Minister of Information, feels he may go at present time.

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