

# Sihanouk ouster gives China larger voice in Indochina

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TOKYO—In two months Red China has turned Prince Norodom Sihanouk's woes into its own again. Peking now has a more commanding voice than ever before in the councils of Indochina's communism. It likely is dreaming of wider opportunities in East Asia.

The circumstance which brought this turn of events was the Cambodian parliament's March 18 ouster of Sihanouk as chief of state. That event caught the garrulous ex-king en route to Moscow airport, and his Soviet hosts apparently were unable to grasp the opportunity it offered.

Premier Chou En-lai, a shrewd diplomat, was at Peking airport to greet Sihanouk. What happened next bore the Chou stamp. With China's propaganda devices at his disposal, Sihanouk announced plans to return to Phnom Penh at the head of a liberation army. He called for support from the Communist bloc, and created a government in exile.

By now, that exile government is recognized by an impressive

array of nations including a number outside the Red blocs. The Soviet Union, however has not quite reached the point of recognition of Sihanouk's new regime.

China's premier, however, was quick to seize the advantage. Having prepared the ground by accusing the Americans of staging the Cambodian coup, Chou arranged a summit conference of Indochinese Communists, plus Sihanouk.

The Chinese were not officially listed as present, but shortly after the final communique, the New China News Agency reported that

Chou had been host to the participants at the conference site, believed to have been near the Chinese Yunnan border.

The summit marked an important stage in Peking's long struggle to have a final say in how the war in Vietnam—and now all Indochina—will be run. The Chinese urge the Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians to fight a protracted war to the finish.

The Russians seem to fear that protracted war would complicate matters for Soviet interests in Asia, where they contest for influence with the Chinese.

## 24 Texas engineers here for EG visiting engineer program

Twenty-four engineers from Texas industries will be on the A&M campus through May 22 to evaluate design solutions of 747 freshmen in Engineering Graphics, according to Dr. James H. Earle, department head.

Student teams of six to eight members have been working on a tail gate hoist, back pack, boat

trailer, or washing machine and are now ready to defend their ideas to the visiting professionals.

The Visiting Engineer Program, begun in 1966, motivates new engineering students by bringing them into contact with the practicing members of the profession, Earle said. A total of 252 engineers have participated to date.

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



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AP analysis

## Blackmun fills out court, moves it toward the right

By BARRY SCHWEID  
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WASHINGTON—Judge Harry A. Blackmun's 94-0 confirmation by the Senate brings the Supreme Court up to full strength and probably bends it a little further toward the right.

For the first time in a year, since Abe Fortas was pressed to quit by allegations of ethical impropriety, the court has the nine members it needs to resolve close issues that split the justices 4 to 4.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, at the same time, now has at hand in Blackmun an old friend who is similarly middle-aged, Midwestern, white Protestant and of modest origins.

As a starter, then, Burger at least can hope the new man is of a like mind and available to help fulfill President Nixon and Burger's goal—slow down the court's drive for social reform.

The chief justice, by far the most conservative member of the court, put his philosophy best last weekend in New York when he said in a speech that the law is not geared for "giant leaps forward."

Burger said the high court is "hardly the body to be entrusted with the destinies of a free people." And he said judges should not confuse their jobs with those of legislators.

This is the same sort of restraint Blackmun has demonstrated in his 11 years as a federal appeals court judge. It's probably what attracted him to Nixon and to Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell.

The judge's opinions give off hints here and there, in civil rights cases particularly, that Blackmun the man wanted to go further than Blackmun the judge would allow.

He could, on the highest court, possibly feel more motivated to give freer rein to his feelings.

With some emotion he told the Senate Judiciary Committee what he had learned most since being nominated was that the Supreme Court is considered "a bastion of freedom" by ordinary Americans.

And yet Blackmun assured the senators he would try to keep his personal ideas and philosophies out of his decisions. For instance, he said despite personal qualms about the death penalty he thought reform should be left to state legislatures and not the courts.

This kind of struggle, between instinct and self-restraint, is commonplace with many judges and justices. Those who are especially geared to ensuring "fairness"—Potter Stewart, for instance—seem, by their votes, to straddle between liberal and conservative positions.

Blackmun's record to date indicates he will carry this struggle with him to Washington and, like Stewart, come up occasionally on the liberal side. Unless he changes radically, however, this adds up, over-all, to a hesitant but decided conservatism.

### Rupel Family Donates Dairy Science Award

In the form of a surprise birthday present to the retired head of the Dairy Science section, the family of Dr. I. W. Rupel presented a \$1,200 Scholarship to the College of Agriculture in Dr. Rupel's name.

"We thought that after all these years, after all the interest he has had in the Dairy Science Department, that it was just something we all wanted to do," said Mrs. Rupel in presenting the scholarship on behalf of the family. "We were all very excited about doing this, especially his grandchildren," she added.

"We are very pleased to accept the scholarship so that another young man, or woman, will have the opportunity to attend Texas A&M," Dr. H. O. Kunkel, dean of the College of Agriculture, said in accepting the scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman or freshman following the desire of Dr. Rupel.

## Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

The Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 2A and 2B of the Memorial Student Center.

The Veteran's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the Memorial Student Center. James T. Smith, assistant director of the Veterans Affairs Commission, will speak on Educational Benefits for the Veterans.

THURSDAY

The Texas A&M Young Republicans will meet at 8 p.m. in the Coffee Loft. Officers will be elected for the 1970-71 school year.

The Host and Fashion Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 2B of the Memorial Student Center to make plans for summer programs and 1970-71 activities.

The San Angelo Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3C of the Memorial Student Center.

The Texas A&M Polo Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 203 of the Animal Science Building.

University Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Room of the Memorial Student Center.

SUNDAY

The Alpha Phi Omega will meet at 2 p.m. in Room 3D of the Memorial Student Center.

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