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## How Do You Become A Number One Enemy?

Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia has announced that we are his "number one enemy." How can this be?

On the face of it, this attitude is little short of incredible. In the past 10 years we have given this nation, which was carved out of French Indochina, \$277.4 million in economic aid and another \$83.7 million in military aid. This amounts to about \$60 per capita. In contrast, the Chinese Communists have spent a paltry \$50 million and yet they have won the loyalty of this little nation so strategically located vis-a-vis our war in Viet Nam.

Once we disabuse ourselves of the notion that we can "buy" allies and begin to look around for "reasons," they are not hard to find.

One of the more serious strains in the U. S. - Cambodian relations followed close on the heels of the considerable evidence that Washington was exerting pressure against the Diem regime in nearby Viet Nam. The murder of the Diem brothers and the immediate recognition of the army chiefs who did the killing is said to have had a profound effect in Cambodia. It is indeed conceivable that Sihanouk's reaction might have been, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

We do know that Prince Sihanouk has complained bitterly about American meddling in Cambodian affairs. He has even accused a member of the CIA of trying to detach two of Cambodia's northern provinces. Where the truth lies in these matters is difficult to determine.

But the Prince's unwillingness to discuss it, and his readiness to forego further American assistance, for whatever reason, has a deeper meaning. It is an opportunistic decision based on the conviction that our side is not going to win, that we may not even be willing to stay in Southeast Asia long enough to lose.

This is the crux of much of our international troubles. The ideals of democracy and freedom are appealing to most people, in an abstract way. But the world is basically non-idealistic and it has to be shown that democracy and freedom can win!