

# Holocaust in Cambodia

In the same month that a television melodrama commemorating the Holocaust of Nazi Germany is being broadcast through the United States, the holocaust that was recently carried out by the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia has gone virtually unpublicized.

Indeed, the same individuals and groups who insist that the memory of the Nazi holocaust must determine the identity of all Jewish citizens are the most active backers of the "China card." They support the Peking regime that plotted the extermination of three million persons in Cambodia by the Pol Pot clique.

Mr. Ganesh Shukla, editor of the Indian weekly *New Wave*, visited Phnom Penh from Aug. 15 to Aug. 20 and is now on tour in the United States, to bring the awareness of the unspeakable horrors committed there to the American population. In future issues, the *Executive Intelligence Review* will publish Shukla's account more fully. Now, we would like to bring two points that he stresses to our readers' attention.

The first is that the mere figure "three million dead" utterly fails to convey sensuously the crime that the Pol Pot clique committed—the worst since Hitler's. One must actually face the stomach-turning detail of the way in which the population was rounded up, with intellectuals and skilled workers singled out, barbarously tortured and then "disposed of," in the term used by official Pol Pot government decrees.

Secondly, and this is the urgent issue for U.S. policy, the extinction of the Khmer race that began under Pol Pot will continue despite the efforts of the new government that overthrew the Peking clique last January, unless emergency food and medical supplies are rushed to that country from the West.

To fail to do this will compound the complicity of a Washington regime that is already bloody-handed in the Kampuchean affair by the very fact of its alliance with Peking.

The issue is simply the American System of urban-centered industrial progress, versus the forces of organized evil that wish to impose a new dark age on the world. Any doubt of the deliberateness of the dark age policy is dispelled by the report of Mr. Shukla.

"What I saw and heard has left me benumbed," he wrote in *New Wave* on Sept. 2.

"Believe me when I say that of the seven million and odd Cambodians, at least one million have perished either through starvation, disease or physical exhaustion in slave labor camps called 'communes,' built like animal farms. Two million more people were hacked to death or bludgeoned to death and thrown into mass graves, wells, ponds and rivers.

"Among the four million survivors, the men-women ratio is one to

five. . . . These four million survivors, one million of whom are disabled, are refugees in their home land.

"In the countryside, people are roaming, not able to locate their villages and homes, eating whatever they can lay hands on—like leaves, wild fruits, small animals, cockroaches and insects.

"If food and medicine are not rushed to Cambodia, at least a million more Cambodians will perish in the next three months before the crop is harvested.

"The Khmer race is faced with extinction.

"Never in history have the rulers of a country committed such barbarous crimes against their own people as the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary clique against the Khmer race.

"Trained in Maoist theory and practice, they used Kampuchean territory as a laboratory. During the four dreadful years of their rule they waged a ruthless war against their people, against civilization, and against humanity."

—Nora Hamerman

## The Week in Brief

**The major East Coast news media will give extensive, favorable coverage to the violence of the antinuclear movement, including the planned Oct. 6 occupation of the construction site in Seabrook, New Hampshire, said a CBS News spokesman in New York Sept. 18. At a press conference launching the "Musicians for Safe Energy" (MUSE) Foundation—an agency for tone-deaf drug-rock celebrities—the CBS man assured Seabrook organizer Sam Lovejoy, an in-**

dicted saboteur, that "we plan major coverage of this event from here on out."

Lovejoy outlined a plan to "make the nuclear issue the decisive issue in 1980, just the way McCarthy made the war issue decisive in 1968, by hitting the early primaries" in New Hampshire, Iowa, Florida, Maine, and Pennsylvania. "Anyone walking into Maine with a single pronuclear word is going to be in trouble," Lovejoy threatened. He did not name