



Minutes of Meeting of Propaganda Works  
1 June 1976  
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- Composition: Comrade Secretary, Comrade Deputy Secretary, Comrade Phaos (ភារ៉ាស៊ី) and Radio Team, Comrade Kuoy (ក្លូយ៉ា), Comrade Song (សៀង) and Cinema Team, Comrade Touch (តូច), Minutes
- Agenda: - other technical sections  
- the internal party section, the core organization, and the masses

1. The Situation of the Ministry  
Reported by Comrade Phaos

1. The radio section:

Journalists

The advantage: This section has fulfilled its duty from views and stance perspectives. The appointment section held a meeting to exchange experiences. The writing section is staffed with three persons who can write news on every aspect. There are four news and reportage writers. Four or five persons are being trained and all in all there are more than 10 persons. There are from four to five assistants.

The shortcoming: Problems remain in relation to views and the stance. The changes are so frequent that staff members cannot follow with times. Giving the current of the revolutionary movement, the radio section is delivering a limited broadcast in coverage areas and content.

Song/news

Line activity is also limited. Our comrades have not caught up with the current of the movement. Some comrades used to write for newspaper; however, it will take them some more time to be competent for the job. A number of people from the base is being trained too, and they are trainable.

2. The performing arts section:

The advantage: this section has fulfilled its duties from views and stance perspectives.

The shortcoming: the same performances have been repeated without further innovation. This section needs improving especially on hospitality extended to visitors as suggested by the party.

3. The Steung Meanchey Station: Internal affairs are under control. Technical aspects are also under control. We have taken the opportunity to study from some foreign friends too. Domestic relay broadcasts through loudspeakers are made.

The cable linked from Steung Meanchey to the ministry has already been connected. There are five radio sets in Steung Meanchey:

- Two sets are in operation – the 20 and 40 kilowatts;
- One 20 kilowatts set is reserved;
- Two additional sets are available – a five kilowatts and a 15 kilowatts;
- A new 50 kilowatts set is being installed by the Chinese.

4. Telegraph: There are political and technical sections. This section is understaffed. One person has been assigned. More is needed.

- The plan: First, install the new telegraph. Repair an old set. China gave two new sets. Destination: Beijing and Southeast Asia.

The technique: The machine is technically useable. Currently, three to four persons are undertaking the training, learning to type foreign letters and type in electrical signals. These people also learn radio broadcast. By the end of the year, the section will be self-reliant.

Six receivers are under repair: three sets are for long distance, and three sets are for short distance.

If the Angkar allows, we will examine the international price. We can place order for rotors and new China.

Printing/  
publishing

5. Printing section: Key people have been trained. Three, four workers have been trained on how to make alphabet molds. They can print small and big letters. The revolutionary stories will be selected for the Angkar to review and the Ministry will do the printings.

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6. The cinema and photography section: With the number of people we have trained, this section is now operational. Some films have been made for Angkar's review, and a number of other negatives is being developed. Photographical work is moving.

The shortcoming: This section has not fully understood the views and stances; in other words it does not know what to be filmed [or photographed] and what not to be filmed [or photographed].

- The technique: writing section, negative developing section, printing section, editing section, and dubbing section is capable of carrying out their duties and ready for expansion.

- Lack of equipment: There are enough movie cameras totalling about 10 sets including 16 millimetres and 35 millimetres. There is a shortage in films. So far old films have used, and no good photographs can be taken with those old films.

- Inventory list: A list has been submitted to the Angkar for review in their capacity.

- Uncompleted task: No colour printer for both 35 and 16 millimetres.

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SA Siek 24-  
25 March 09.

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investigators  
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Chandaravan  
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7. Others: - Workshop section: A number of car mechanics has been trained to be used in the ministry.

- Living: The sections are sufficiently self-reliant in the supply of fish, meat and vegetable. Produce is expected to increase.

Additional comments made Comrade Kuoy

1. Steung Meanchey Technical Sections - Cable, Antenna, Repair, and Protection.

- Cable section can repair old cables; Antenna section can repair antennas. Broadcast section is staffed with six people whose levels of understanding vary. They take turn to be on duty. There is a plan to train more people but this plan cannot be implemented yet.

- With spare parts, these machines can be used for years.
- The shortcoming: Precaution measures have not been sufficiently taken. The equipments have been destroyed by mice, spiders, and other insects; the equipments can be broken with just a gentle touch.
- Mechanic: making and repairing electric motor can be done.

2. Internal issues:
- Good solidarity with old workers
  - Caution, especially on protection.

3. Relationship with China:

- It is suggested to have a 50 to 60 kilowatts generator
- It is suggested to enlarge the roads.
- It is suggested to set up the antenna for long distance broadcast; based on the capacity of the current antenna, broadcast can be received in some places but not in others.  
To make their assistance meet our need, the Chinese wanted to know the coverage areas of our broadcast. No more waves –even one or two – can be received by the current antennas.
- It is suggested that the 200 kilowatts be reserved for international broadcast. But it can reach only Southeast Asia.
- They asked that if the road from Steung Meanchey to the Slèng Pagoda (វត្តស្លែង) has been enlarged yet for their cable connections.
- Prepare the materials for the construction.

Additional report made by Comrade Song

- Six people undertook a technical training. Comrade Chan (ហាន់) was in charge.
- Photography section had some difficulties because of the use of old film.
- Enlargement from 35 to 16 millimetres can be made but not vice versa.

II. Comments of the Permanent

Comrade under-secretary: From the previous meeting until now, progress has been made in all sections: radio, writing, telegraph, filming. The work of these sections fairly served the needs of our movements such as rice harvesting, dike building and the short-term rice cultivation. This is inside the country. As for outside the country, the performing arts have also served the guests.

A number of problems have been observed too. The Party has conducted a continuous instruction. Would like to give a number of additional remarks:

1. The radio section:

- We did not broadcast much on the harvest work before.
- Some songs may have been the same or similar to those of the former regime. Attention was made to the use of such words as *baavaa [best]*, *poanariey*

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says

*[shinning with many colours], sokhomalpheap [wellbeing]*. Simple words were requested to be used instead.

- Radio programme should be changed, making it more convenient, especially at dawn.

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2. The writer committee: - Overall progress has been made. With just three people on board, it is deemed understaffed. Staff size must be enlarged. The writers are intellectuals who cause problems to the party line; they need five or six years to be well impregnated of the party line. We must take some from the base and imbue them.

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3. The Steung Meanchey station: It is requested a project be submitted for the Office to review and decide.

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4. The telegraph: Translation was made; some contents were not understood. Some sections were left blank. Should pay additional attention.

5. The printing house: should expand more.

Overall, all sections are requested to pay attention to improve the core work in all sections in both the stances and the views. As for performing arts, those whose ages are advanced are requested not to go on the stage; we must take the teenagers; it is more appropriate.

Other issues such as taking care of the materials: Need additional attention. Initiative is to the maintenance and repairing work. As long as livelihood ration is concern, practice should be learnt from the base.

In sum, there are many advantages. But attention must be paid to the building of more people to be in the cadre lines.

Comrade Secretary: agreed with the opinion of Comrade Nuon (១១), but would like to add the following opinion:

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Remarks

1. The advantage: The ministry has excellently fulfilled their duty in accordance with the party line. Through its work, the radio section has moved forward another step to both the socialist revolution, socialist construction, especially through its broadcast to all sectors. They are eager to listen to, to receive opinion, other news, from the radio such as the editorial piece, commentary piece, the reportage piece, and especially the arts. So, they consider the radio belongs to the party, the revolution and them.

Based on this, we have great interest in its role and importance and push it further so that it will meet the party line.

2. Joint work target of the ministry:

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- a. We must strengthen and expand all types of the cadre line and combatant line and our female combatants as fast as possible to serve the movement. Must have an annual or semester plan. In this 1976, basically do whatever possible to construct our line to be self-reliant in all sections.

The radio section and the performing art sections have basically become self-reliant. The cinema is able to function. Other mechanical technique sections have their own resources.

In comparison, there are two issues needing the attention:

First, mechanical technique of the radio section: To be self-reliant, we must have our technical people. We must build the capacity of our people in radio work to be self-reliant by the end of the year. Even though we manage to build only 2, 3, 4, or 5 persons, we will make sure they are self-reliant experts. It is not good keep their technicians too long. We can prolong the time to a reasonable extent. This issue is important. [Illegible]. So, the ministry has to discuss what is lacking, what can be solved, and make a request to the Office.

For the materials, we can buy some; however, attention must be paid to the maintenance and repairing.

- To become self-reliant, capacity building plan is needed: Two plans exist-intensive and regular. The intensive plan is to select the skilled comrades prepare theory lessons, especially with the Chinese technicians who are with us. The comrades have the technical skills so they can precede their work easily. In the next day, it will be easy to change the machine bolts; it will not be necessary to go and buy from other places using the currency.

To implement the plan, we must select 10 qualified persons plus, especially those who relish. This plan must be implemented intensively and immediately before they go back to their country. Once they go back, and the machine is broken, the invitation to them to come back is not good from a political perspective. We must implement our plan to be self-reliant gradually. We must know how much we have become self-reliant by the end of this year, by the end of another year. Gradually, we will become self-reliant.

We can solve this problem because we have the inputs. Nothing is more effective than practicing doing it. Do it at our place, we will draw the experience from our mistakes. When we are self-reliant, we can install in the provinces by ourselves the next day, if we want to. So, four to 10 core team members are needed in every section. In principle, we are self-reliant.

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The permanent office will oversee this work and select four to 10 technical cadres. The Propaganda Committee must pay attention to this issue. The writing is

understaffed but it is still under control. As for the machine section, it is not self-reliant.

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Program
- At Steung Meanchey: This section will be highly self-reliant in all aspects at the latest by mid 1977.
  - The newly installed radio: Functioning under their control. We must have one group that participate directly. When they leave, we are able to manage all parts.
  - Secondly, other technicians: writer group includes intellectuals, peasants, and workers. How many we can construct within six months, one year. When we instruct the intellectuals, they can fast work; but in principle, it requires a period of time. First, the peasants, the workers do not know how to write, but they knew the issues. When they know how to write, they will grasp the issue; [they] will write based on factual information.

We must construct both types. According to the party's experience, constructing the writers must take longer time intellectuals, workers, and peasants. The youth section can be constructed faster than the high and old intellectuals because the high and old intellectuals have their old position; it is a little bit tough to refresh them.

Therefore, our capacity building plan is strategic and urgent.

- The cinema group: must be strengthened and expanded too. There are two mass propagandas: 1) the radio is for hearing and 2) the cinema is for watching. The cinema is the tool for spreading the propaganda to the mass by using the pictures and its role is as important as that of the radio.

Expand

From now to the end of 1976, we must prepare five permanent film groups. Until 1977, we will prepare five to 10 groups. There will be film groups and show groups in the entire country. The show group will have fewer staff members. One group will have two experts, and three assistants. As for the film group, it will be the same: one cameraman, one light control person, and some assistants. We will use mixed members: male and female combatants, some teenagers, and some children.

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- b. Material issue: the things that we need we can buy some; but it is necessary that we have to maintain them. Some materials for the present use can be ordered from China and Hong Kong. We can also buy some from Thailand. We also have plan for future. The materials will be kept at one central office for collective use. What is the best and expensive, we will not use it yet. In 1976, the film that we used were:
  - Black and white 90 percent.
  - Colour 10 percent.

When we know how to make black and white films very well, we will expand the colour part. At least ten copies of black and white films will be made for distribution to the zones. The mass have not yet demanded the colour very much. If we use the colour immediately, we will lose a lot. When we know how to make it very well in 1977, we will expand the colour.

- c. The Films: what to be filmed? Films to be taken must be related to the movement of the country construction, especially in the rural area.

We film when they begin to work, when they are working, and when the work is completed.

- Newsreel: There are two newsreels:  
First, we film the movement they are doing in the rural area.  
Second, we film a series presenting the work from start to finish.

Filming  
projects

Our objective to film the newsreel is to encourage the movement. So, we go to record at every location, every zone, including the northeast.

- The content of the film: Focusing primarily on the mass movement and avoiding individual affairs. For example, during the national festival, the media will cover mainly the activities of the mass and less on those of the cadre. The same care must be taken into account when one makes a speech. When a cadre leader makes a speech, he/she must say "I am a representative of the Angkar, instead of using the word "Angkar" alone.

Overall, the film is an important aspect. The mass needs it very much. When they watch the newsreel, they are very happy because it shows their achievement and their story.

- The documentary film: It is subsidiary such as the assembly meeting, the meeting on the leadership section. Less attention is paid to this section but significantly more to that of the mass.

- d. The photography: It is second after the cinema. It is not the mass need by its nature. The primary purpose of the photographs is just for documentation. Take photographs of the ceremony or the foreign guests and keep them as the document.

Photographs of foreign guests are taken for souvenirs. For example, photographs are taken at their arrival and presented to them the next day they are leaving. A small album is prepared for the visitors with their photos taken with our leaderships.

- Attention must be paid to archiving the documents that are classified as confidential and public. They must be kept separately.

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photographs  
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- e. Other issues: The printing house: request for expansion was allowed especially in alphabet moulding and photo cliché printing. Offset printing is yet to be needed.
- The collection of revolutionary stories: The ministry is in charge to publishing. Each book will contain eight to 10 stories. Advanced selection of the stories will be made. Offset printing will be used for the book cover.

The book must not be too thick and pages should range from 60 to 80. Basically, the stories already broadcast on the radio can be reproduced on paper with some changes. Efforts must be made to avoid mistakes and the insertion of correction pages. It is better to be slow, but neat.

- The telegraph: If possible, rotors shall be installed. Paper is under control. The concern is that we are not yet self-reliant in broadcast.

At present, anything important we send to our overseas embassies for publication. Until the time that the Ministry of Propaganda and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are politically under control and fully staffed, we will do this work. This issue is now delayed.

- The new station: we do it all. So, we must prepare sands, pebbles, rocks, cement, steel, etc. It is requested that the Ministry propose the project. As for the road, it will not be expanded but just decorated. The cable can be placed on one side of the road. Access road will be proposed to Permanent for their decision so that the labour forces will be mobilized to make it. A project for this location must be made fast. Otherwise, it will affect their already built-bund, canal systems.

It is requested that a committee be organized for preparing the project to be submitted to the Permanent.

- Current radio station: We must be more revolutionarily careful, especially the hidden enemy. It is feared that they will deploy hand-grenades at home. So, guards will be on duty, access regulations will be imposed to avoid uncontrollable situations. Basically, the enemy has been destroyed completely, but their intention to destroy us remains. We must be more careful about our view and stance.

### 3. Radio and performing arts sections:

- a. The radio: reportage news: They want to listen to, but there is a technical problem. The voice is so weak that it cannot be so well-heard. So, the voice recording must be well-prepared and the interviewees must be well-focused. In the past, the interviewers did not speak normally, speaking one word and asking one word. Dialogue styles will be adopted.



- For the interview program: Monthly interview shall be conducted in all zones. Shifting from each zone is from five to seven days. As for in the zone, we shift from sector to sector.
  - [illegible] - First grade fertilizer: We have had a movement already. As in a commentary, we do not talk about the combination of the fertilizer. We will do it in the form of performing art of *ayai* (អាយី) to promote encouragement. No politic discussion
  - [illegible] will be involved. We only speak one word - the natural fertilizer.
  - The readers: The female reads very well. In comparison, the male is weaker than the female. The Ministry must construct more new readers. The Ministry can make contacts for some people and have their biographies examined. The Permanent will also help look for some. Based on our experience, good readers are those who used to be ordained in the pagoda.
- b. The performing arts: Some music and songs may have been affiliated with the old [society]. Contents of some songs follow those of the former regime. It is requested that the songs, The Male and Female Youth and Thank You Angkar, be removed because one part follows the rhythm of the Sihanouk's song. The modified traditional songs are popular. Attention will be made to ensure that melody of the former regime will not be taken in order to avoid negative affect on the party impact.

In sum, there have been many advantages. As for the shortcomings, we still continue to further improve them. The main target is to serve the movement vigorously. They mainly like *ayai*. So, *ayai* must be timely served. The substance must also be timely. And the singers must be chosen from those who have strong voice to send strong encouragement. In the end, attention must be paid to offer the well wishes to the movement. Well-wishing the Angkar is subsidiary. Wishes of appreciation for the fighting spirit, the spirit to try to construct the country in a great leap forward speed must be reinforced to capture their emotion.

Soldiers and workers also have the same desire. However, we have to take care of the commune's opinions. They want to listen to the stories.

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