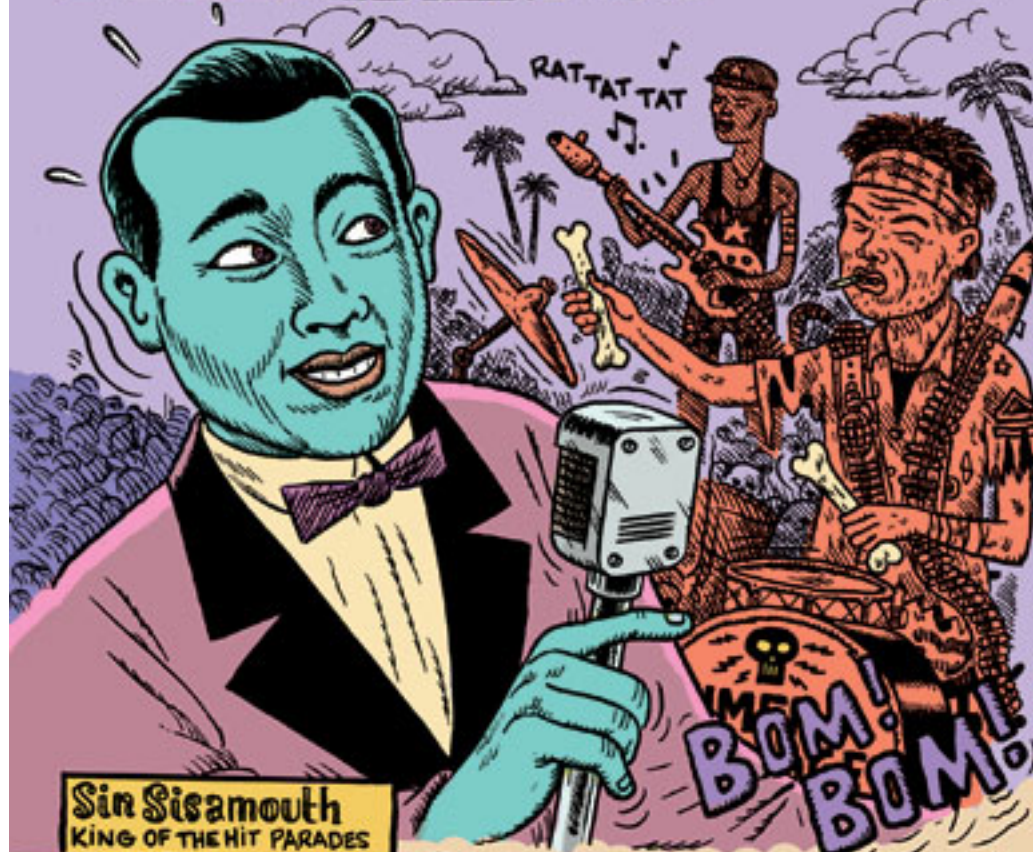


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KILLER POP!



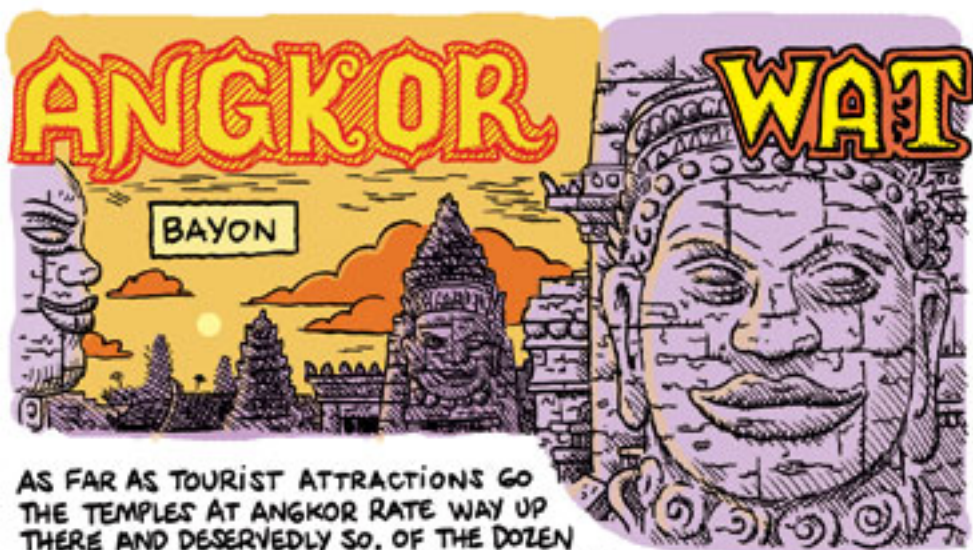
Sin Sisamouth
KING OF THE HIT PARADES

DURING THE SIXTIES AND EARLY SEVENTIES, CAMBODIA WAS HOME TO A VIBRANT POP MUSIC SCENE, OF WHICH "Sin Sisamouth" WAS THE UNDENIABLE KING. DURING HIS REIGN, HE CRANKED OUT A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS STRING OF DANCE HITS AND ROMANTIC BALLADS. THE SOUND, MADE UP OF TRADITIONAL KHMER MELODIES INFUSED WITH CONTEMPORARY WESTERN INFLUENCES, MADE A HUGE SPLASH!

RADIO PHNOM PENH!



THE TEMPLES AT ANGKOR WERE THE SEAT OF POWER OF NUMEROUS KHMER MONARCHS, SPANNING NEARLY SIX HUNDRED YEARS FROM 875-1430, BEFORE BEING ABANDONED...



AS FAR AS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS GO THE TEMPLES AT ANGKOR RATE WAY UP THERE AND DESERVEDLY SO. OF THE DOZEN OR SO STRUCTURES, SPREAD AROUND SEVERAL MILES OF LUSH FOREST AND SURROUNDED BY CANALS AND MOATS, TWO STAND OUT AS PARTICULARLY SPECTACULAR SIGHTS, BAYON AND THA PROM. THE BAYON SHOWS WHAT A POWERFUL AND EGOCENTRIC RULER CAN ACCOMPLISH WITH SOME VISION AND ABOVE ALL, A STEADY SUPPLY OF SKILLED SLAVE LABOR! ◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎◎



UNLIKE MOST OTHER STRUCTURES AT ANGKOR THAT HAVE BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY RECONSTRUCTED, "THA PROM" HAS BEEN LEFT TO THE ELEMENTS. HERE, VEGETATION CONSPIRING WITH TIME HAS CREATED A TIMELESS WORK OF SINGULAR BEAUTY.

CORRADO FEROCI

MUSSOLINI'S ARCHITECT



PLUCKED FROM FASCIST ITALY, CORRADO FEROCI IS CREDITED AS THE FATHER OF THAILAND'S MODERN FINE ART MOVEMENT. DESIGNING AND SCULPTING NUMEROUS MONUMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS, HE WAS GIVEN THE THAI NAME

**SILPA
BHIRASRI**



the **DEMOCRACY** MONUMENT ?

ARGUABLY, HIS MOST FAMOUS PUBLIC MONUMENT. THE DEMOCRACY MONUMENT WAS ERECTED IN BANGKOK TO COMMEMORATE THE OVERTHROW OF ABSOLUTE MONARCHY IN THAILAND. IN RECENT YEARS, THE SITE HAS BECOME A FITTING STAGE FOR DEMONSTRATORS TO VOICE THEIR DISCONTENT WITH UNPOPULAR GOVERNMENT POLICIES. THEIR OPINIONS HAVE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION BEEN MET WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE AS IN 1992 WHEN FIFTY STUDENTS WERE KILLED BY THE MILITARY...