

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIST LEADER ASSAILS SOVIET IMPERIALISM

In recent months, the actions of the Soviet Union have increasingly exposed it as an imperialist superpower, rapidly becoming the most dangerous and most aggressive of the two superpowers in many strategic areas. This trend has been vigorously condemned by the countries of the socialist camp, as well as progressive and revolutionary forces all over the world.

A most significant article on Soviet imperialism appeared in the July 26 edition of "Vanguard", the newspaper of the Communist Party of Australia, M-L. In it, the Party's Chairman, E.F. Hill, cited numerous concrete examples of Soviet interference and aggression in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the Indian Subcontinent, and also thoroughly exposed the policies of the USSR on disarmament, "collective security" in Asia, and territorial rights of the world's small and medium-sized countries.

Not a day goes by but that Soviet newspapers and journals attack the leaders of People's China.

What is the purpose of this consistent anti-Chinese material? Why do the Soviet leaders never relent in their attack but on the contrary, step it up?

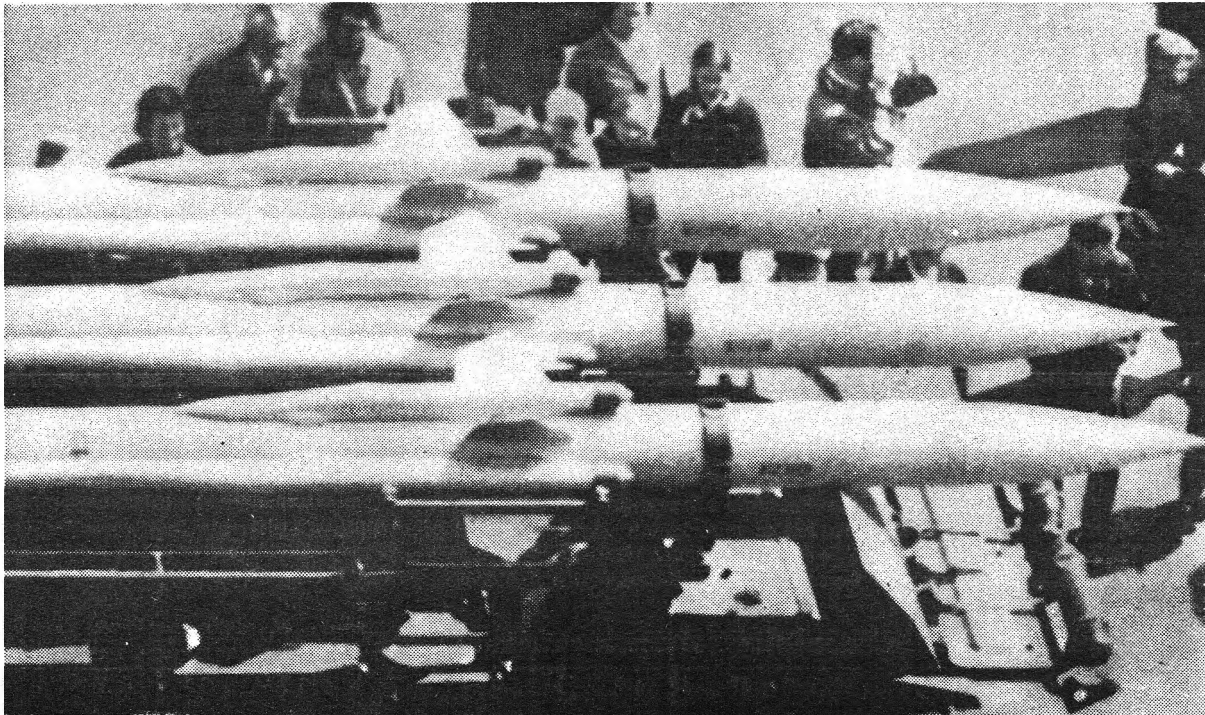
The Soviet Union is truly an imperialist power. Its domination of certain Eastern European countries is a colonial domination—the economy of these countries is tailored to suit the economy of the Soviet Union. This is precisely what all imperialisms do. When a colony or a semi-colony threatens to break away from an imperialist power, that power takes action to prevent the breakaway. So the Soviet Union militarily occupied Czechoslovakia and maintains its military occupation. It maintains troops in Poland, Hungary, East Germany. . . It has recently reaffirmed its "right" to take military action at the "request" of the government of a friendly power; it maintains puppet governments for that very purpose. If the "government" of such a country proves reluctant to "request" Soviet assistance, then the Soviet authorities change the government as they did in Czechoslovakia. This sort of thing is characteristic of imperialism.

INTERFERENCE IN MID-EAST

Further afield from Eastern Europe, the Soviet Government interfered in the internal affairs of Sudan with an idea of bringing to power a government more acceptable to Soviet interests. In Egypt, it provided military assistance but in such a way as to amount to virtual military occupation until the Egyptian people kicked it out. In the Middle East, the Soviet Union pretends to assist the liberation movement of the Arab people at the very same time as it strengthens the manpower of Israel, that is, of the imperialist puppet Israeli ruling circles, by assisting the immigration of Soviet Jewish people to Israel. It engages in the most notorious tactics of no war, no peace.

In India, it supported the aggression against Pakistan. It established and expands military and naval bases in India. Its navies and spy ships prowl the seas all over the world in typical imperialist fashion. Why does a peace loving country such as Soviet leaders claim the Soviet Union is, need to have submarines, destroyers, cruisers, in every part of the world? Why do her admirals speak of the great naval strength of the Soviet Union? One can only answer—it is because Soviet imperialism has global interests: like all other imperialisms it seeks to exploit and dominate the world.

On every question, the approach of the Soviet Union is an imperialist approach. It opposes the claims of all countries to extension of their coastal waters whether the territorial extension be 50 miles or 200 miles. In protection of their fishing and mineral interests, many small countries have correctly declared their territorial boundaries as 50 or 200 miles. In all cases, the Soviet Union has refused to recognize the claim. Why? Because imperialism demands "freedom" of the seas, freedom to fish and freedom to



While providing military assistance to Egypt, the Soviet Union did it in such a way as to tie the hands of the Arab people in their fight to recover territory under Israeli occupation. Finally, Egypt kicked out Soviet advisors.

take mineral resources within the coastal waters of other countries.

This is naked imperialist expansion—freedom for us imperialists but no freedom for you. If the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet revisionist imperialists recognized the right of smaller countries to territorial limits of 50 or 100 miles, then they would be acquiescing in an anti-imperialist move and that they will never do. The nature of imperialism never changes. Such territorial rights for example, by countries of the Mediterranean would result in the expulsion of the U.S. and Soviet navies from the Mediterranean where they menace the peace and security of the Mediterranean nations.

The talk about peace and security by the Soviet Union is only talk under the cover of which it steps up its armament build-up. Declarations and agreements about nuclear arms have not stopped the Soviet Union and the U.S.A. from increasing their nuclear arsenals and conducting tests of nuclear weapons.

Talks about collective security are a cover for building up aggressive pacts. So in Asia the Soviet proposal for collective security has its foundation in the Soviet-Indian alliance, an alliance for aggression.

In Europe itself, the Soviet Union maintains huge military forces, so much so that the British and French imperialists are greatly alarmed.

It is accepted that the superpowers each seek world wide domination. They join together and they divide in their drive for world domination.

The Soviet revisionists took up the task in which the open imperialists had failed. The Soviet revisionists, in the name of socialism and communism, attacked people's China and made military attacks upon her and prepared for more military attacks. To carry this out it needed extensive and intensive ideological preparation in the name of communism and socialism. This is one aspect of the question. But why attack people's China? There are various reasons. The Soviet revisionists have betrayed socialism; anyone and particularly any country that upholds socialism as China and Albania do, earns their particular enmity. If they can persuade people that their imperialist country is socialist and communist, they then greatly harm the cause of socialism

and further the cause of imperialism. But the people are alert to this. Then there is the simple question of seizing people's China and Albania (along with ordinary capitalist countries) for exploitation just as the Czars did and attempted to carry further. But it is all justified in the name of communism and the Chinese are accused of being anti-communist.

The Soviet revisionists maintain one million and more troops on the Sino-Soviet border to try to carry out the dream of destroying people's China. Its destruction means that a truly socialist country is destroyed thus setting the world cause of socialism back and, at the same time, the resources of people's China come under imperialist exploitation. None of this, however, is succeeding. Soviet propaganda just does not get to first base with the people. The Soviet revisionists are more isolated than ever and people's China is more popular than ever. Precisely the reverse of what the Soviet revisionists intended comes about.

"... A HUGE GULF BETWEEN THE SOVIET LEADERS... AND THE SOVIET PEOPLE..."

There is a huge gulf between the Soviet leaders on the one hand and the Soviet people on the other. The Soviet people have a wonderful revolutionary tradition. It comes in conflict all the time with the counter-revolutionary imperialist position of the Soviet leaders.

All people of the world instinctively test words of the Soviet leaders against their deeds. These leaders talk communism, socialism, peace; their deeds are imperialist, capitalist, war like. Facts speak louder than words. For example, people's China has undertaken from the very beginning to never be the first to use nuclear weapons; the Soviet Union has refused to do this. This is a simple test. The Soviet leaders in fact have in mind to use nuclear weapons to destroy people's China. It is a vain dream.

People's China has the support of the people of all the world just as did the Soviet Union in the socialist days under Stalin's leadership. That support and socialism in the Soviet Union made then the Soviet Union indestructible. Today, people's China is in just that position except that the people of the world are even stronger and imperialism is much weaker.

Socialism in China grows stronger every day. It attracts more and more supporters throughout the world. It upholds the working class principle, Marxism-Leninism. It is the most thoroughgoing anti-imperialist nation. It is not anti-Soviet but is certainly anti-Soviet imperialism and this is a great service to the Soviet people.

The Australian experience shows that people's China has friends everywhere. All sections of the Australian people except a few diehards are her friends. This is so in every country. The working class is the mainstay of that support; it is the most stable support.

Soviet revisionism extends its tentacles to Australia. But its friends are not the peoples. It rots with every passing day. The people grow stronger with every passing day. It is a critical task for the revolutionary movement and for all patriotic and democratic people to expose and fight Soviet social-imperialism which has emerged as a great danger to all peoples—more dangerous because of its deception.

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