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## Soviet Social-Imperialist Expansion in Indian Ocean

E.F. Hill, Chairman of the Australian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist), in a February 7 article in the Party's organ *Vanguard*, exposed the Soviet social-imperialists' expansion in the Indian Ocean and Soviet-U.S. contention for the region.

The article pointed out that the Soviet social-imperialists have a considerable number of warships in the Indian Ocean and that at the same time U.S. imperialism constantly moves to counter Soviet naval activities by concentrating more warships and increasing its own naval and military installations there.

"The Soviet social-imperialists expand into the Indian Ocean as part of their efforts to seize as much of the world as they can. They want

Asian 'collective security' for the same purpose. They want to fill the so-called vacuum left by British imperialism's withdrawal. This is simply to ride roughshod over the rights to independence and freedom of former British colonies."

The article noted: "The peoples in this part of the world have driven out French imperialism and British imperialism and have dealt big blows to U.S. imperialism. They want independence. Certainly, they do not want Soviet social-imperialism—a new imperialism to replace French, British and U.S. imperialism. The activity of Soviet social-imperialism is directed at arresting the historical trend that countries want independence, nations want liberation and people want revolution."

It said in conclusion that "the menace of Soviet social-imperialism is indeed real. It menaces Australia. Soviet social-imperialism must be fought to the end."