

# SOVIET UNION STEPS UP AGGRESSION IN ETHIOPIA

The visit of Colonel Mengistu, the leader of Ethiopia's military junta, to Moscow last week, emphasized the fact that Ethiopia has become the latest front in the USSR's campaign for African conquest.

In the space of a few short months, the Soviet social-imperialists have suddenly declared that Ethiopia's junta is a "Marxist-Leninist group." At the same time, they have launched an international propaganda campaign to slander Ethiopia's genuine revolutionaries and patriots as "CIA agents."

This propaganda campaign has also been taken up by the revisionists in the U.S. In its May 4 issue, the revisionist Communist Party's Daily World calls the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP) "hit-men," "assassins" and "CIA agents," while claiming that Colonel Mengistu is building a "mass party of the working class based on Marxism-Leninism."

On top of all this, Soviet-Cuban troops are getting ready to march into the area. Both Brezhnev and Castro have publicly volunteered military aid to support the junta's proclaimed ambition to "wipe out" the guerrilla struggle now being waged in the Eritrean region.

To lay a firmer groundwork for future Soviet-Cuban military action, the revisionists have accused all the Eritrean people's organizations of being "CIA fronts." In addition, they have fabricated a "grave danger to Ethiopia's security" in the form of a "planned invasion of Ethiopia by Sudan."

The Soviet revisionists also have enthusiastically applauded the junta's massacre of the Ethiopian people. On April 29, some 300-600 demonstrators were slaughtered by the junta's troops in the streets of Addis Ababa. Immediately afterwards, the Soviet news agency TASS declared its total support for what it perversely called the "Ethiopian government's defense of its revolutionary achievements against all enemies both internal and external."

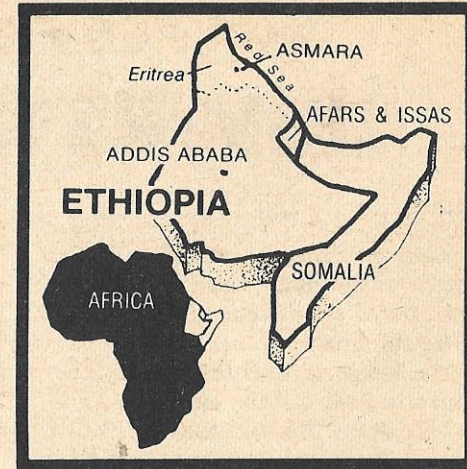
The dramatic rise of Soviet aggressiveness in Ethiopia is the product of sharp contention between the two superpowers. For decades, U.S. imperialism dominated Ethiopia, and the people waged a heroic struggle to shake off U.S. control.

Riding the crest of the Ethiopian people's opposition to U.S. imperialism, the Soviet Union has made some quick gains. For example, just before Colonel Men-

gistu left for Moscow last week, he ordered all the U.S. military bases in Ethiopia shut down. But this setback for U.S. imperialism has only served to intensify its aggressive maneuvers and heighten the superpower rivalry.

The Ethiopian people have no desire to be under the domination of either superpower. In recent weeks, Ethiopian students and patriots in the U.S. and around the world have held demonstrations to expose the fierce repression inside the country and to denounce the superpowers' interference in Ethiopia's affairs.

This struggle was carried to Moscow last week. The New York Times reported that 60 Ethiopian students staged a sit-in at the Ethiopian embassy. They were im-



mediately attacked by a flood of Soviet riot-police.

That confrontation in Moscow may only be a foreshadowing of future events in Ethiopia. But while the Soviet Union dreams of conquest, the people of Ethiopia have a brilliant revolutionary history. They have repelled every foreign invader that has ever tried to subjugate them.

## PEOPLE OF HONDURAS FIGHT U.S. DOMINATION

*From the Hsinhua News Agency—*

Workers, peasants, students and businessmen of Honduras have been waging struggles since the beginning of this year against the economic plunder by U.S.-owned transnational companies, accor-

pendent transportation of bananas in early January, leaving behind 40% of the bananas in 19 banana plantations. This brought losses to several hundred banana transportation workers.

The workers denounced this action