

ISRAEL AND ASIAN LIBERATION

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Sometimes it seems that the rulers of Israel, our official statesmen, do not begin to understand in what year they are living and where the country is located over which they rule so "successfully." They forget, apparently, that we are living in the second half of the 20th century and that our country belongs to the continent of Asia. Most important, they forget that the peoples of Asia in the middle of the present century are conducting a victorious, historic, liberation struggle against foreign domination by the imperialist West.

The struggle for national reawakening and independence—this is the banner of the Asian peoples in our time. The slogan, "Asia for Asians" has been transformed into the battle-cry of a just war. And as mentioned, the struggle is not only just; it is victorious. It is impossible to assess the unparalleled, historic significance of the victory which the Chinese Revolution won over feudalism and imperialism. The vast people's democratic Republic of China, 500-million strong, is building, together with the Soviet Union and the European people's democracies, a mighty fortress and supporting force for the strivings of all the Asian peoples for freedom and independence. The victory of the heroic Korean people which overcame the intervention of 16 imperialist countries, led by the United States army, navy and air force, proved that the Asian peoples will no longer accept the dictates of the imperialist powers. They are ready to defend their right of national sovereignty even against the military preponderance of the foreign interventionists, and even against the falsely-used flag of the "United Nations."

The splendid victories of the Democratic Vietnam Republic over French colonialism, which is aided by American imperialism, are further proof that the era of oppressing and crushing the freedom-aspirations of the enslaved peoples, this era is over and will never return. Dien-Bien-Phu was transformed into a symbol: the stronghold of imperialism in Asia is crumbling! Countries like Burma and Indonesia are also intensifying their struggle for complete and genuine national independence. Recently, too, India has entered upon the road of a more independent policy for peace and for helping Asia against foreign imperialist rule.

The awakening of Asia is today a his-

toric fact which only the blind cannot see. The awakened peoples of Asia are today a tremendous factor on the international arena. Without them no problem can be solved. American policy in Asia is suffering one defeat after another because it does not take into consideration all these changes which took place in Asia after the great socialist October revolution, and especially after the historic victory of the Soviet Union in the Second World War, and after the victory of the Chinese People's Revolution. American policy treats the peoples of Asia as objects of its own imperialist and world-strategic plans. But the peoples of Asia laugh at this passive role which Dulles has written for them. They set these plans at naught, because they are plans aimed against world peace and against the security and independence of the peoples.

Dulles fled from Geneva because he could not tolerate an atmosphere in which the representatives of People's China sat as one of the five great powers, in which the representatives of People's Korea and People's Vietnam appeared as sovereign spokesmen of free nations. Dulles waited impatiently for the Geneva Conference to collapse, and then perhaps for England and France to accept his plan to create an aggressive war pact in the Pacific Ocean, on the model of the Atlantic Pact. But it is already clear that the peoples of Southern Asia will not join such a pact. For they understand that such a pact means an American attack upon China, as well as a war between China and other Asian nations who would have joined the pact: that is, a war of the Asian peoples among themselves for the sake of American world domination.

Thus, the ambassador of Burma in Washington, Mr. Barrington, says that "the countries of Asia have no intention of participating in the anti-communist crusade" organized by the United States of America, because the "co-existence of both worlds, the communist and the non-communist, peacefully, side-by-side, is possible. . . ."

Exactly as in the Far East, so also in the Near and Middle East, American policy is trying to form a regional aggressive war pact for attack upon the socialist countries. And exactly as there, so also here, it is meeting violent resistance from the peoples. The Pakistan-Turkey axis received a heavy blow right at the beginning

when millions of voters in Pakistan almost unanimously rejected the military pact which was to function under American leadership. Iraq refused to join the pact, but the agreement of the Iraq government to accept military aid from the United States was enough to evoke such a storm of Iraqi public opinion that it brought about the dissolution of Parliament and the formation of a strong opposition voting bloc against new American aid and against the old agreement with England. The mission of the Pakistan Foreign Minister Zafrullah Khan to Korea ended in a complete fiasco; Egypt, too, refused to join the American axis in the Middle East as the third partner. So far not a single Arab country has agreed to join the Middle Eastern war bloc. The Near East is beginning to move in the same direction as the Far East. And no force in the world will be able to obstruct or to halt this historic march.

All this official Israel policy refuses to recognize. The government of Israel is the only one in the entire Middle East which has taken upon itself the role of policeman of the imperialist West against the liberation movement of the Asian people. During a recent political debate in the Knesset, Prime Minister Moshe Sharret and Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon and their assistants in the coalition parties practically declared their love for the rulers of the United States. For the "ideals" of Dulles and McCarthy, for the "defense" of the "free" world.

This line, which is directed against the strivings of the Asian peoples, against the historic tendency of our age, leads to a still more severe isolation of Israel in the international arena. Not only the Arab countries, but no other Asian country has yet sent a diplomatic representative to Israel. Thus Israel has become separated not only from its neighbors, but from the entire Asian continent. And so long as the present policy continues—with the imperialist West against the Asian peoples—so long will Israel remain alone, isolated, unrecognized, throughout the continent upon which she is building a new, small sector.

If we wish to secure our national future, if we wish to buttress our national existence, we must become a part of the general front of the Asian peoples who are struggling for peace and national sovereignty against the aggressive and grasping schemes of the imperialist West. Without such a turn the safety of Israel is impossible. The conversion of Israel policy into an anti-imperialist channel is a necessity of life for our people and our country; it is a question of existence or non-existence.

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