

DURRËS, WEDNESDAY
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A HEAVY SLAP IN THE FACE FOR SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM

Last evening the Egyptian president, Sadat, delivered an «important» speech in which he stressed the conflict between Moscow and Cairo. He has sought Soviet offensive weapons «in order to declare war on Israel», and in order to keep Egypt under their control and completely exploited from every angle, the Soviets, of course, have refused. So Sadat is exerting political blackmail against them, demanding the withdrawal of Soviet advisers from Egypt (and there are no less than 20,000 of them) by July 27. This is a heavy slap in the face for the Soviet social-imperialists, which ruins their plans and is a very important event. We shall see what the Soviets do, what manoeuvres they will employ to avoid leaving Egypt, because, if they are kicked out, it will be hard for them to get back quickly. Moreover, their expulsion puts an end to their lies and demagogy about «defending the Arab peoples», and their fleet in the Mediterranean is left like

a fish out of water. On the other hand, we shall see how determined Sadat is to stick to the decision he has taken.

The fact is that the expulsion of the Soviets is a victory for the Egyptians, notwithstanding that it will take a long time to liberate the territories occupied by Israel. With the Soviets within the country, however, the Egyptians could never liberate these territories and, moreover, they would lose the independence of their country.

Our correct and resolute policy has helped the Arab peoples to safeguard their freedom, which they must protect from the United States of America, too.

DURRËS, FRIDAY
JULY 21, 1972

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST REMAINS DISTURBED

The speech of the Egyptian president, Sadat, continues to echo around the world. The expected reaction of the Soviets was given in a communique of the TASS news agency. Of course, their reaction was as if nothing alarming to them had happened, that what had occurred was «a normal, usual thing», a «cordial» agreement arranged previously between the two states. The Soviet specialists had gone to Egypt to instruct the Egyptians and now that they have successfully completed their task they will quietly go home. Nothing has changed in the profound and sincere friendship between Egypt and the Soviet Union. The latter will continue to give Egypt its fraternal aid against Israel for the liberation of the occupied territories, etc., etc.

This is the language in which TASS is speaking after the public slap in the face which the Soviet Union received from Egypt. The Soviet revisionists have to minimize this defeat, but the

reasons which Sadat gave for the expulsion of the Soviets are so clear that it cannot in any way be thought that the Soviets were in agreement about the removal of their specialists whose mission, according to Sadat's statements, was not simply «to train the Egyptian soldiers in the use of the new weapons», but also to command and run the Egyptian state.

After the TASS communique large sums of Soviet rubles for Egypt must have arrived, because the Egyptians began to soften, both in the communique of the Egyptian embassy in Moscow and in the leading article of «Al-Ahram», which extol the Soviet friendship, Soviet aid, etc., which mean, «We are lining up with the tone of TASS».

Apparently, the Egyptian leaders expected a violent reaction from the Soviets, but their fears have been calmed and now that they have got away with their blackmail, they are operating through talks with the Soviets, with the Americans, with the French and even with the Israelis behind the scenes. In this situation Sadat is swimming «at his ease»; in his speech he told his people and the public at large that «the attack on Israel was not made because the Russians did not supply us with weapons, so we have to find them elsewhere, therefore, you must wait until other sources are arranged».

It is said that the Soviet specialists have begun to leave, but it is not known how many, who and when they will leave. We shall see. The

situation in the Middle East has been and remains disturbed. American imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism each have a foot stuck in the door there. Sadat's resounding declarations are hardly likely to make them go away.

SUNDAY
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THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS AGAIN AT WAR WITH THE ISRAELIS

Yesterday the war of the Egyptians and Syrians against the Israelis began. As it seems, the Arabs launched the attack, although this has no importance because they are within their rights, and Israel was taken by surprise. The Egyptians crossed the Suez Canal and, according to them, established themselves on the right bank of it, capturing the Israeli fortifications of the Barlev line. The Syrians, likewise, assaulted the Golan Heights and Hebron and occupied the Israeli positions there. A great air battle is going on between them. You cannot put much trust in the communiques.

Now the question stands as follows: the Arabs have the advantage. Are they going to retain and develop it, and how? Has the Six-Day War of 1967 served as a lesson to them? So far Israel has not taken them by surprise as before. As to what will happen later, we shall see. Likewise we shall see the level of the Arabs' prepara-

tion and their tactics and strategy, as well as those of Israel. The Arabs seem a less alarmed than the Israelis. Can it be that there is some major co-ordinated joint manoeuvre afoot? The Arabs launched an offensive to win certain positions from which to return later to «the UNO dance» and fall into the traps of the United States of America and the Soviets. All gain a little; in order to avoid losing everything all must lose a little and continue the «no war, no peace» situation, continue the discussion! This we shall see. We are following events vigilantly. We shall defend the Arabs with all the means of our propaganda and expose Israel, the United States of America and the social-imperialist Soviet Union.

FRIDAY
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THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES

The Egyptians are advancing in the fighting in Sinai and up till now no wavering is apparent among them. The Syrians, too, are fighting well, with attacks and counter-attacks. Both sides say that fighting is going on in the Golan Heights about 45 Km from Damascus. Israel is boasting that it «will take Damascus, has destroyed the Syrian army,» etc., but it has achieved neither of these objectives and is suffering heavy losses in tanks and aircraft. In fact the Syrians have taken and are holding on to the Israeli's first line of defence.

The myth of the «blitzkrieg», of Israeli «invincibility» has been smashed. Israel is in difficulties and the direct aid which the United States of America has begun to give it shows this.

The unity of the Arab countries seems better than at other times, but the agencies of American and Soviet imperialism are at work within their ranks. They are trying to extinguish the fire, which is not to their advantage, because it

threatens their dominating and exploiting interests. The two superpowers are in a fix and are afraid this situation will become more complicated, fearing that the victory of the Arabs or the Israelis may endanger the domination of the Americans or the Soviets. Therefore, both of them are pretending to help, but are preparing «the big pumps to extinguish the flames», because in this way they preserve the status quo of «neither peace nor war» and strengthen their domination.

What the Arabs are doing now is positive and revolutionary. Brezhnev, Tito and all their ilk, along with the whole capitalist world, are against the Arab peoples. Therefore, we and the revolutionaries all over the world must help these peoples in their struggle.

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 25, 1973

THE GREATEST ENEMIES OF THE ARAB PEOPLES

Tomorrow the newspaper «Zëri i popullit» will publish our article exposing the two superpowers, entitled: «American Imperialism and Soviet Social-Imperialism — the Greatest Enemies of the Arab Peoples». (1)

In the article we denounce the new Soviet-American agreements on the Middle East which were concluded in the Moscow talks between Brezhnev and Kissinger and which subsequently took the form of a Security Council resolution on a cease-fire between the combatants in the Arab-Israeli conflict. They are another dangerous plot of the two superpowers against the Arab countries and the peoples' liberation movement.

The actions of the two superpowers are so arrogant and brutal that no disguise can cover

1 «Zëri i popullit», October 26, 1973 (Enver Hoxha, «Against Modern Revisionism, 1971-1975 (Collection of Works)», «8 Nëntori» Publishing House, Tirana 1980, p. 466, Alb. ed.).

them and no demagogy can embellish them. The «concern» which they allegedly showed for the solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is concern to protect their hegemonic interests.

We go on in the article to point out that the liberation struggle of the Arab peoples, like all the peoples' revolutionary movements, is contrary to the imperialist interests of the two super-powers which will, therefore, try to snuff out these movements by means of diplomacy, pressure and dictate and if these means are insufficient, even by means of force. Objectively this liberation struggle is aimed not only against the Zionists, but also against the American imperialists who finance, arm and throw the Zionists into attack as well as against the Soviet revisionists who want to take advantage of the situation to get a firmer foothold in the Middle East. Therefore the Arab peoples are fighting not only for the liberation of the territories of which Israel has robbed them, but also for liberation from the interference, pressure and dictate of the American imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists.

The stand which the American imperialists and Soviet revisionists have taken now is further evidence of a notorious fact, which has become even more obvious, that the American imperialists and Soviet revisionists are the greatest enemies of the Arab peoples.