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CENTRES FOR THE TRAINING OF THE MURDERERS OF THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA

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In their war plans the strategists of the Pentagon give great importance to various schools specialized in the training of «cadres», most of them young-people, as agents, terrorists and experts in counter-revolution, in the service of American imperialism.

These schools, academies and training centres, both in the USA and many other countries, especially Latin-American, have become notorious. One of the largest of these centres in the USA is the «Special Military Academy» which is situated in the woods of Georgia, near Atlanta. In this «academy» young people are taught the methods of organizing coups d'état, and especially of coping with demonstrators. Besides, there they learn assassination methods with modern fire arms, such as muffled guns, as well as the application of the most inhuman tortures. This training centre turns out hundreds of specialized «cadres» every year, who demonstrate their ability in the clashes with the broad working masses in the countries of Latin America.

An important centre specialized in the training of American agents for Latin America is the «American School» in

the Panama Canal Zone, which was opened in 1948. Since then, this school has trained more than 37,000 agents for the USA. It is interesting to note that this same school has trained the hangmen of the Chilean, Guatemalan and other Latin-American peoples, like Pinochet and others. This centre recruits youths from various countries of Latin America, who, besides acquiring military skills, are imbued with the counter-revolutionary and anti-popular ideology, with habits of aggressiveness, which makes them blind tools of the American policy for the submission of the Latin-American peoples. The schools which have been opened in Fort McLeman in the state of Alasca, in Porto-Rico, Uruguay, etc are not inferior in importance to these training centres. At the Fort McLeman school young people are trained in fighting in lethally polluted environment, and in Porto-Rico, besides military knowledge, they learn various kinds and methods of nazi-type tortures. After learning these «skills», they practise them on a broad scale amongst political prisoners. As is known, prison in the fascist ruled countries of Latin America, are filled with young opponents to the regime. It has been report-

ed that the Pentagon has already begun preparations for the training of a first contingent of 1,100 infantrymen and 500 officers from Salvador in the military bases of Fort-Bragg of North Carolina and Fort-Being of the state of Georgia. The Pentagon has made 15 million dollars available for this plan.

These facts show that American imperialism attaches special importance to the training of the youth in an aggressive spirit not only in the schools of the USA but also in the schools of the countries of Latin America. It is obvious that the main aim of these schools and centres is to defend at any cost the anti-popular regimes in the Latin-American countries, this being the only way for American imperialism to plunder them and ensure the continuation of its neo-colonialist policy. However, the powerful armed struggle in many Latin-American countries, such as Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, etc as well as in other countries of the world, shows that there is no force which can curb the will of the peoples and the youth, or stamp out their aspiration towards national and social liberation, genuine freedom and democracy

IDEOLOGICAL AGGRESSION IN THE SERVICE OF IMPERIALIST HEGEMONY

«Bashkimi» — organ of the Democratic Front of Albania

Aggression and armed intervention, hand in hand with ideological aggression and subversion, have always had special weight in the counter-revolutionary strategic plans of imperialism and in the hegemony-seeking schemes of the superpowers. As the development of events has shown, ideological aggression and subversion have accompanied, and more often than not preceded military aggression. The international bourgeoisie knows only too well that in the present conditions, in which the proletariat and peoples have reached a new level of political and national awareness, no strategic objective, no hegemony, no counter-revolution can be carried out without diversion, without deception, without befogging people's minds and brainwashing them.

Billions upon billions of dollars and rubles are spent every year to advertize bourgeois and revisionist theories, to publicize the American or Soviet way of life, to give circulation to American or Soviet literature, information or films, all over the world. All this is intended for the multiple purpose of making the proletariat and the peoples acquiesce in meek submission to everything concocted by the American imperialists or Soviet social-im-

perialists, and live in an atmosphere of abject fear, of creating the idea of a «rich America» and of a «Soviet Union friend of the peoples», and finally of bringing them to absorb the decadent culture and art exported by the imperialists and social-imperialists and forget their own national art and culture.

The imperialists, the revisionists and reaction have embarked on an uninterrupted ideological aggression against socialist Albania, combining it with all forms of political, economic and military aggression. Never has the capitalist-revisionist world ceased its subversive propaganda against our country, against socialism and the ideals of Marxism-Leninism.

By employing considerable financial means, the American imperialists and the Soviet social-imperialists have succeeded in controlling the mass media of a great number of states, flooding the different countries with their literature, films and TV programs. According to the West-German newspaper «Frankfurter Rundschau», the American radio stations carry on a weekly total of 1818 hours of broadcasting in 45 foreign languages. The programs of the «Voice of America» are broadcast in 38 languages for more than 822 hours a week by more

than 500 radio stations all over the globe. The ideological aggression of American imperialism has assumed particularly large proportions in Latin America. More than 83 per cent of all the news published in Latin-American newspapers, half of the TV programs and most of the films shown in the countries of Latin America, come from the United States. The American monopolies and the CIA control most of the publishing houses of this continent, dictating to them what they should translate and publish from the American literature and how to advertise the American way of life.

The organizing of the «psychological war», diversion and espionage is the main tasks the American administration has set its Central Information Agency. According to reports from the foreign press, this agency spends over 2 billion dollars each year for purposes of subversive propaganda. A broad network of newspapers, magazines, news agencies and publishing houses for the spiritual enslavement of the peoples of Latin America, Africa and Asia is available for the plans and schemes of the CIA. Its press empire comprises more than 800 organizations.

A special state organ, «The International Communications Agency» (ICA), has been set

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up by US imperialism for the organization of subversive propaganda in other countries. This agency publishes 12 magazines in 22 languages and distributes more than 90 films abroad each year. It has its information centres, libraries and bookshops in more than 100 countries of the world. Only in the countries of Latin America, Africa and Asia, the CIA distributes about 5 million copies of propaganda books in 25 different languages each year. The publications and programs guided by the Pentagon play a great role in the American subversive propaganda, especially directed to the developing countries. In particular, «the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service» has over 400 radio and TV stations operating all over the world, surpassing even the «Voice of America». Everything indicates that, as Comrade Enver Hoxha pointed out in the report to the 8th Congress of the Party, «Together with the export of capital, American imperialism has also exported its way of life, corruption and degeneration, the spirit of decadent cosmopolitanism and servile submission to foreigners.»

The Soviet social-imperialists, too, attach great importance to their means of propaganda and diversion. The mass media of Moscow carry out a large-scale deceptive propaganda in order to justify such social-imperialist theories as those of «limited sovereignty», «vital interests», etc in the name of which the Kremlin rulers take steps for aggressions and

military occupation of other countries. The means of Soviet propaganda present the Soviet intervention as «internationalist aid», as «support in the struggle against imperialism and aggression». Passing themselves off as «the allies of the peoples», and thereby infiltrating the anti-imperialist and liberation movements, the Soviet social-imperialists, as the great demagogues they are, have dumped the world with large amounts of propaganda materials which are often sold even cheaper than the local literature or even offered free of charge. A number of press organs translated into foreign languages, books by the millions dozens of films and special TV programs, are turned out every year for consumption in other countries. Likewise, each week radio Moscow broadcasts 2022 hours in 82 foreign languages.

The Soviet revisionists conduct ideological aggression on a large scale in the other revisionist countries. These countries, many of which are militarily occupied by the Soviet social-imperialists, are forced to absorb the whole propaganda arsenal Moscow offers them. Besides their political, military and economic pressure, the Soviet social-imperialists try to stamp out the national features and state identity of these countries, to liquidate the national awareness of their peoples in the name of the «socialist community».

The Chinese social-imperialists and the other former co-

lonial powers use the mass media for their neo-colonialist purposes. Under pressure of the armed struggle of the peoples of the former colonies the old colonial powers were forced to recognize their independence. But they did everything in their power to maintain their privileges, to continue the plunder of the different peoples and countries. Likewise, they do their utmost to keep the languages of the former metropolises, like France or Great Britain, etc as official languages of these countries, to ensure the predominance of their literature and press, to maintain their ideological and cultural influence and to hamper the development of national culture in the former colonies.

However, the proletariat and the peoples, whose national and revolutionary awareness is constantly growing, are waging a powerful revolutionary struggle against the continuing ideological aggression and subversion and the other forms of intervention of the imperialists and social-imperialists. Under the leadership of the Marxist-Leninist parties, the revolutionary proletariat and the peoples are resolutely opposing the imperialist and revisionist propaganda, the spread of the American or Soviet way of life, degeneration and decadent cosmopolitanism, they are fighting for the development of their national art and culture, for the development of revolutionary and progressive thought. Learning from their own experience, the proletaria-

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riat and the peoples have become convinced that they cannot achieve their revolu-

tionary objectives, their true national and social emancipation without liberating them-

selves from the tentacles of the bourgeois and revisionist ideologies.

**INVOKING THE GHOSTS OF FASCISM**

«BASHKIMI»

In our days, when the political-social situation in the capitalist world is becoming more and more tense due to the deep economic and spiritual crisis and the mounting tide of the revolutionary movements of the oppressed masses, the imperialist bourgeoisie is trying to play the card of fascism as a means to pull itself free from the whirlpool which is sucking it to its doom. In various capitalist countries, fascism, organized into political and military parties and organizations, with the participation of old-time fascists and neo-fascists, has stepped up its propaganda activity and resorted to crime, murder and intimidation. The squares and streets of a great number of cities in the West, such as Washington, Madrid, London, Frankfurt, Rome, etc are witnessing a revival of the ghosts of fascism and nazism. The question is not about a few scores or hundreds of incorrigible «nostalgic and romantic» fascists of old, but of fascist groups and organizations of thousands of members and sympathizers who openly show their strength and intentions as in times past. In the USA,

the most active among the 100 self-styled national-socialist organizations is the American nazi party, without mentioning the numerous racist gangs of the Ku Klux Klan. In Japan 170 neo-fascist groups, in the FR of Germany 75 neo-fascist groups, are operating in complete liberty. The newspaper «Deutsche National Zeitung», of undisguised fascist orientation, is published in 120,000 copies. The more than 209 groups of fascist terrorists, which are active in Italy, include in their ranks more members and sympathizers than Mussolini had at the time of his «march on Rome». On their record there are scores of murders of a political character, thousands of kidnappings, acts of violence and hold-ups. In France, Great Britain, Spain, Belgium and Switzerland, many neo-fascist organizations carry peaceful names such as «The front of the Truth», «The Sports Society», etc, but the actual results of their activity can be seen in the mortuaries of the above-mentioned cities. The international network of fascism is organized on a broad scale. The fascist parties and

groups organize meetings, rallies, celebrate anniversaries, even hold international congresses.

In their safes these organizations deposit the large sums which flow to them from the dark channels of crime and political violence, from robbery and kidnappings, as well as from other secret channels which lead to the doors of trusts and banks, and the big monopoly capitalists. Their plots are master-minded by parties, which have their own representatives in the parliaments, while the bourgeois press and the endless debates in parliamentary commissions and subcommissions cannot find a solution to the question whether these parties are fascist.

To advertize themselves, the fascist parties and groups are publishing an increasing number of books by the ideologists of nazism, shooting films, while printing «Mein Kampf» again and again. Recently they have put into circulation many books, the titles of which are very significative, such as «History Exonerates Hitler!», «What Impelled Hitler to Unleash the War», «Germany's

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War of Genocide — Pure Invention!», «Not a Single Jew Has Been Put Into the Gas Chambers of Dachau», etc. At the kiosks and libraries they sell records with Hitler and Mussolini's speeches, albums with photographs from the life and activities of fascist chiefs, cassettes and records of fascist songs. Many publishers have signed contracts and already begun the publication of memoirs of former fascist generals and secret service chiefs.

A number of Western authors are coming out with the thesis that the revival of fascism is a historical necessity, dictated by the current grave crises, scandals and chaos in some capitalist countries, that «the strong hand» of fascism alone is in a position to restore law and order.

A wide campaign has begun in many countries of the capitalist world to make people forget the hell the period of the fascist rule was like, to

whitewash the sinister past, to erase the atrocities and massacres of the 40's from the memory of the peoples. The peoples, however, will always retain the crimes of fascism in their memory. They will never forget how it was born, who supported it and what calamities it caused. The peoples will never forget how they rose to their feet and liquidated the fascist plague. These truths have left an indelible imprint on the history of mankind.

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AMERICAN ARITHMETICS OF WAR

«LUFTEËTARI» — organ of the Ministry of People's Defence of the PSRA

The strategists of American imperialism show their passion for figures not only in the ever increasing funds they have allocated for military purposes, but also in their military-strategic doctrines and conceptions. In a recent interview to «Wall Street Journal», the organ of big business, the chief of the Pentagon Weinberger expounded the new American conception of future wars. Not long before, the Americans predicted the waging of «one war and a half»: one large-scale war in the European arena and another war, on a minor scale, in another area: either in the Middle East, Far East or Central America. The American conception now is that of «two simultaneous wars», that is two full-scale wars at the

same time in two regions of the world. The transition from the idea of one war and a half to the idea of two wars is one of the basic developments of the military doctrine of the Reagan administration. Certainly, the escalation from one war and a half to two wars, apart from a mere numerical increase, also expresses the arithmetics of war which the American presidents in succession have always tried to apply with fanaticism. Reagan, with this new idea, makes a further contribution to the logic of the military strategy of the Wall Street monopolies.

In this new conception of two wars, which is basic to the American military strategy, we have to do with a further escalation towards new wars and military adventures. The

conclusion that the American doctrine increases the danger of war and brings it nearer, finds its expression in the conceptions which the theoreticians of American imperialism pass off as the last word of «modern» military science. This modern military science of American imperialism solidly foresees the outbreak and escalation of major wars on the part of the American war machine on several regions of the world at the same time. The ruling circles of American imperialism materialize these conceptions of war in the feverish rates and gigantic proportions of their armament and war preparations. At first sight, the increase from one and a half to two is merely an increase in figures, but when this is translated in the astro-

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conomic figures of the dollars that will be spent on war preparations, the aggressive character of these conceptions and of the whole American policy becomes clear. In the coming five years the military expenditure of American imperialism will reach 1,500 billion dollars, of which 180 billion dollars are officially allocated to the new nuclear program the Reagan administration proclaimed in spring last year. In the financial year 1981-1982 military expenditure will amount to 226.3 billion dollars. These figures are official but they do not include the colossal funds hidden behind the allocations of the American budget for «scientific» development and «technical research».

Without doubt, behind the new American conception of war is hidden the stepping up of the efforts of American imperialism to extend its economic, political and military hegemony all over the world. The chief of the Pentagon and the other American generals have made it clear that the possibility of America's waging a major war in two or more regions regards precisely those regions «where the major and vital interests of the United States are affected». To safeguard these «vital interests» or, to be more precise, the American domination, is the main purpose of the military conceptions, doctrines and strategy of American imperialism. All this is seen in the context

of a fierce rivalry for hegemony with Soviet social-imperialism which for its part has adopted the concept of a «military retaliation in any region of the globe».

The reactionary advance in the military conceptions of the imperialists shows the advance of the dangerous aggressive course of American imperialism. As Comrade Enver Hoxha has pointed out at the 8th Congress of the Party: «At present American imperialism has begun to apply a harsher, more aggressive and more adventurous line in foreign policy. It is relying more and more on military force. Reagan's new policy is clear evidence of this.»

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THE SOVIET ECONOMY SWITCHES ON TO WAR LINES

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The 8th Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania defined the present world crisis as the crisis and failure of state monopoly capitalism and its superstructures. For its part the form of domination and exploitation of the working people established in the Soviet Union did not succeed in averting the sharp vacillations of its economy, the disorganization of its productive forces, the slump of its production, the lowering standards of living of its working masses — the ills

which the bourgeois society spawns.

One of the fundamental aspects of the decay, characteristic of the capitalist economy of the Soviet Union, is the acute antagonism between production and the parasitic non-productive consumption. The unbridled militarization of the economy and the entire life of the country, which Soviet social-imperialism has resorted to in order to realize its strategy of war and aggression, is the cause of great antagonistic

disproportions and a state of precarious equilibrium in all the links of the extended reproduction of this exploiting society. Addressing the 8th Congress of the PLA, Comrade Enver Hoxha pointed out: «It is the strength of the Soviet army which dominates in the Soviet Union today. The stepped-up rate of militarization of the life of the country and the heavy burden of military expenditure, which has reached astronomical proportions and is shaking the Soviet economy

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more and more profoundly, distort its development and impoverish the people.» Difficulties and failures in the economy which has become the number-one problem in this country speaks volumes about its reality. The crisis is rampant both in the realization of major economic plans, such as those concerning the rates of growth and reproduction, and in the more common aspects of the daily supply of scores of millions of working people who are exploited in the Soviet town and countryside.

The basic index of the economy, its growth rate, has sunk almost immediately after the revisionist takeover. But things have gone from bad to worse, especially in the last 15 years — the years of Brezhnev rule, when the economy showed a steep and irremediable decline. Thus, for the five-year period 1976-1980, the average growth rate of the gross national product was 1.9 times less than in the period 1965-1970, the growth rate of industrial production — 1.8 times less, of agricultural production — 2.6 per cent less, of fundamental investments — 2.2 times less, employment — 1.8 times less, consumption per head of population — 3.1 times less, etc.

On the other hand, the Brezhnev clique boasts many «achievements» in the attainment of the strategic targets it set for the rapid build-up of the military potential of the country to the level of an imperialist superpower. In fact, the Soviet economy today has switched on to the war rails to the de-

triment of its future development. It gobbles up in a parasitic manner more than it produces and, becoming a non-productive economy, misuses the present and perspective sources of the extended reproduction of the economy.

The facts show that every year the military expenditure of the Soviet social-imperialists gobbles up over one third of the national income of the country, one third of the production of the metallurgical and machine building industries, one seventh of the energy resources of the country, with the sectors of the war industry employing one tenth of the active population, as well as the most skilled technical-scientific forces of the country. The military budget of the Kremlin accounts for 12-14 per cent of total national production. At a time when the latter can hardly show a 2-3 per cent yearly increase, military expenditure increases twice as fast, or 3-5 per cent a year. This is directly responsible for the decrease of investments in the sphere of production of material goods.

The consequences of this course make themselves felt in all their acuteness in the everyday life of the Soviet people. There are chronic shortages of items of primary necessity, an over-shrinking range of goods, increasing instability, which has brought about rising inflation, declared and undeclared price rises, the flourishing of the black market, speculation and embezzlement, and as a result the

deepening of the polarization of the society into antagonistic classes and the continuous impoverishment of the masses.

The facts show that the living of the Soviet workers is growing worse with each passing day. The Kremlin is compelled to admit from its own mouth, even officially, that failure to fulfil the plans has become a chronic ill which for many years now is affecting many branches of the production of consumer goods, especially agriculture. In these conditions, speaking to the last plenum of the CC of the Soviet revisionist party, Brezhnev said that «the question of food supplies is a central problem of the five-year plan (1981-1985), both on the economic and the political plane.» The capitalist reality in the Soviet Union shows that the Kremlin is seeking a way out of the crisis which has affected the vital sectors of the economy, in the further extension of the capitalist private sector of agriculture, trade services and handicrafts.

This means to leave the Soviet consumer at the mercy of the speculators, smugglers black-marketeers, an evil the Soviet power of Lenin and Stalin had struck at its roots. However, today this set of exploiters in the capitalist Soviet Union controls half of the production of potatoes and fruits, one third of the production of eggs, meat, vegetables, etc, or altogether one fourth of the total agricultural production.

The discrepancy between this reality and the demagogic cla-

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mour raised by the revisionists, who claim that «the solicitude for man is the central concern of the material and spiritual development of the Soviet society», is glaring. The welfare of what man do they mean? Of course, the welfare of the new capitalists who are

riding roughshod over the Soviet people. As for the working masses, for the ordinary workingmen, the billions which are created through the exploitation of their blood and sweat, and which the new czars of the Kremlin turn into so many hundreds and thou-

sands of guns, missiles, satellites and submarines, into instruments of war, help them in no way at all. They do not defend the lives of the workingmen in the Soviet Union and in the world, on the contrary they only increase the threat to their lives.

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BLACKMAIL AND MILITARY FORCE — TYPICAL OF THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS

«BASHKIMI»

The recent events in the international arena are more and more revealing the aggressive and warmongering features of the foreign policy of the social-imperialist Soviet Union. The Soviet-led military invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 showed that the use of military force by the Soviet Union had become a means of its policy to further its expansionist aims as it had occurred many a time with the United States. Since the Soviet policy has assumed an increasing militarist and aggressive character. Military interventions followed one another. After Czechoslovakia came Angola, Yemen, Ethiopia, where the Soviet Union has intervened by proxy. The Soviet military aggression against Afghanistan two years ago and the feverish attempts of the Soviet occupiers to stamp out the struggle of the Afghan people for freedom with iron

and steel once more showed clearly to the peoples of the world that the policy of the Soviet Union has assumed the same aggressive, warmongering and expansionist features as that of the United States.

Apart from open aggression, military blackmail has become today another permanent component of the Soviet foreign policy which Moscow uses to maintain and extend its own spheres of influence. This is clearly seen in the policy of the Soviet Union towards the countries of Eastern Europe, which Moscow considers its own estates. The frequent visits of Kulikov and other Soviet generals to these countries, as well as the ever so frequent military exercises which the Warsaw member countries carry out on Soviet instructions within and along the borders of Poland and in the other revisionist countries, border on

open military black-mail and the use of the language from positions of strength and dictate of Soviet social-imperialism towards its «allies» in order to establish order in them and to keep them in the status of provinces of the Russian empire.

Apart from its absolute rule in the so-called «socialist community», the Soviet Union seeks expansion all over the globe. It seeks military bases in foreign countries, especially in the Middle East and Africa, is setting up political and military alliances with other countries in order to use them as springboards for the extension of its domination over other peoples, in preparation for an eventual confrontation with American imperialism. The arrogance and aggressiveness of Soviet foreign policy is expressed in the fact that the Soviet Union considers these areas to fall wi-

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thin, the circle of its «vital interests», thus assuming the right of intervening and making the law in them. One fresh example in this direction is the declaration of the Soviet government on the Middle East in October last year, in which it says openly and arrogantly that «what is happening in the Middle East area affects the interests of the security of the Soviet Union».

In order to support this warmongering policy and carry out its designs for world domination, the Soviet Union, not unlike the United States, has embarked on a feverish armaments race and is constantly building

up and perfecting its military, especially nuclear arsenal. The militarized Soviet economy has been placed in the service of the aggressive plans of this imperialist superpower. The military expenditure of the Soviet Union today is over 150 billion rubles a year, and 12-14 per cent of the total national income of the Soviet Union goes to meet the needs of its war preparations. With their dreams of world domination the new czars of the Kremlin, like the bosses of the White House, have lost all sense of logic. Brezhnev in his recent speeches, just as «Pravda» in its successive articles, arrogantly

declares that «the Soviet Union will allow no other power to jeopardize the interests of its security», by which its spheres of influence are implied.

The whole aggressive activity of the Soviet Union for world domination and dictate is an indictment against the savage imperialist power which openly threatens the freedom and independence of the peoples. It shows once more that, as our Party points out, any illusion about the «friendship» and «peaceful policy» and «internationalist aid» of the Soviet Union is fraught with great dangers to the freedom and sovereignty of the peoples.

DOCUMENTS OF MUTUAL ACCUSATIONS AND THE RIVALRY OF THE SUPERPOWERS

«LUFËTARI» — central organ of the Ministry of the People's Defence of the PSR of Albania

Only two months after the Pentagon published a booklet of some dozens of pages about «the threat of the Soviet military power in the world», the turn came for the Soviet specialists to reply to the challenge of the American experts. In a similar form and style, and worded in the same categorical terms, the Soviet magazine «Novoye Vremya» published a voluminous document about the American military power and the threat it poses to the peace in the world.

The publication of these documents in fast succession by Washington and Moscow is by

no means an accident, but it is done with definite aims. It constitutes a further escalation of the battle of words between the two sides and one of the aspects of the growing rivalry in the military field. Getting hysterical about the growth of the military power of its counterpart and listing an endless number of facts and figures about it, the USA, just as the Soviet Union, wants, in the first place, to justify its feverish armaments race and to conceal its continuous efforts to achieve military, political and economic superiority over its rival. The responsibility for

the armaments race rests with the capitalist system, with the same aggressive aims and parallel roads the superpowers are following in order to attain their objectives, to establish their hegemony and domination in the world. At the 8th Congress of the PLA, Comrade Enver Hoxha pointed out, «American imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are contesting with one another, are competing and manoeuvring to carry out aggressions and occupy other countries.» This is the source of the headlong armaments race, in which both sides have lost their minds and

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logic. However, while they proceed hastily down this road, considering military strength the main means to achieve their political and military objectives, both the USA and the Soviet Union are afraid of each other. So they try to reach agreement and compromise, to hold endless talks and conferences to control the armaments race, to secure their monopoly of nuclear weapons and establish a balance of forces in their respective spheres of influence.

By putting increased emphasis on the build-up of military force of and threat from its rival, Moscow, just as Washington, wants to tighten the screws on their allies and vassals which they intimidate with the spectre of the arms race. Their final aim is to secure more political concessions from them, to strengthen their military presence and their regime of occupation in these countries. It is not without a purpose that both the Soviet and American publication appeared on the eve of the sessions of NATO and the Warsaw Treaty, when the debate of the

Euro-missiles is continuing in Europe and when there are incessant frictions within these aggressive alliances over the question of the military expenditure Moscow and Washington have burdened their allies with.

On the other hand, by listing endless figures and facts about the nuclear power potential, the number of troops, submarines and modern fighter aircraft, at the disposal of either side, the superpowers try to create a psychosis of fatalism, submission and despair about the capability of the forces of the peoples to cope with American or Soviet military power. With this they want to tell the peoples of the sovereign countries that only the American or Soviet military umbrella is in a position to protect them from the inter-imperialist military rivalry.

The recent «encyclopaedic» publications of either Moscow or Washington on the military power of and threat from its rival, say nothing new, in spite of the efforts which are made to give them a «sensational» character. Contrary to the pur-

pose of their authors, they only serve as a means to further expose their plans and character as the most dangerous enemies of the freedom and independence of the peoples. What the peoples need is not long lists of the armaments and the number of soldiers which America and the Soviet Union have stationed in their many bases in this or that part of the world. They see for themselves the aggressive activity of the superpowers, their adventurous and warmongering course, their attempts to establish their dictate and domination all over the world. It is precisely this policy and this rivalry of the superpowers that make situations more complicated and more tense and further worsen international relations. In these circumstances, the peoples and the progressive and revolutionary forces in Europe and in the world face the task of raising their vigilance and stepping up their struggle for exposing and opposing the predatory and enslaving plans and schemes of the imperialist superpowers.

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«VITAL INTERESTS» OR WORLD DOMINATION?

«BASHKIMI» — central organ of the Democratic Front of Albania

In order to justify their policy of expansion, the representatives of American imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are more and more fre-

quently using such terms as «vital interests», «areas of vital interest», etc. What do they mean by this?

According to those who issue

such statements the very existence of the United States or the Soviet Union is at stake whether or not they control this or that neuralgic point of

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the globe. Let us take the Middle East in particular. Both superpowers consider it a «vital area» because of its colossal oil deposits and its extremely favourable strategic position. Coming out with these «arguments», each of the superpowers arrogates to itself the right to put this area under its control. In fact, the true purpose of each of them is the realization of the insane dream of establishing its own domination and hegemony over the whole world. Under the pretext of defending these «vital interests» American imperialism launched itself with unexampled savagery on the peoples of Indochina. In the name of the same interests it intervened militarily in Guatemala in 1954 and in the Dominican Republic in 1964. Behind the military coup in Chile in 1973 is hidden the bloody hand of American imperialism. Today, too, in order to defend its «vital interests» in Central America, American imperialism assists the military junta in Salvador and fascist dictatorship elsewhere.

The Soviet Union set out on the road of defending its «vital interests» all over the globe through the «socialist community» and the «limited sovereignty» within it. In August 1968, when the Russian tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia, the Russians brought forward as justification for this action precisely the «vital interests of the community». But new times demanded new theories. Thus, the theory of the «fraternal assistance» for the coun-

tries threatened by imperialism emerged. At first, it was carried out through third parties in Angola, Yemen, Ethiopia, Eritrea. This «theory» underwent further development later. In December 1979, the Soviet Union itself, by means of tanks and soldiers, gave its «fraternal assistance» to neighbouring Afghanistan. Moscow has now assimilated well, even in form, the «theory» of «vital interests». A fresh example is the Soviet declaration of the necessity of the Soviet military presence in the Mediterranean, published in the magazine «Novoye Vremja», according to which, «the Mediterranean is not far away from the Soviet Union».

However, the question arises: Who takes real «vital interest» in this area? The United States, say the spokesmen for American imperialism. The Soviet Union, reply the spokesmen for Soviet social-imperialism. But both of them fail to mention that the question here is only about the interests of the American bourgeoisie, on the one hand, and of the Russian bourgeoisie, on the other.

The «vital interests» of the Soviet Union and the United States not only do not coincide with the interests of the peoples of these countries, but they are in flagrant opposition to them. It was not the bankers and other capitalists who were sent to defend the «vital interests» of the United States in Indochina, but the common Americans who were used as cannon fodder and were killed

in thousands there. The case is the same with the Soviet social-imperialists in Afghanistan where more than ten thousand Soviet soldiers were killed in these two years of occupation.

The superpowers try to ensure their «vital interests» by means of their military presence. Their military bases have proliferated all over the globe. Their fleets plough the seas and oceans. The war budgets have assumed monstrous proportions. And the common people have to pay the bill in hundreds of billions of dollars in taxes.

Everything shows that, as Comrade Enver Hoxha pointed out at the 8th Congress of the PLA, «the interests of the superpowers and the peoples do not coincide or meet at any time and on any case. For imperialism to live the peoples must be enslaved, for the peoples to be liberated, imperialism must be destroyed.» That is what the Iranian people did, who did not beg permission from the United States and did not worry whether its «vital interests» would be endangered when they rose in the revolution, toppled the Shah and drove out the foreign exploiters. The Salvadorian people and the other peoples of Latin America are following suit. The Afghan people are doing the same thing towards the Soviet occupiers. The aspirations of the peoples to freedom and independence can be realized only through resolute struggle against imperialism and social-imperialism.