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Propaganda In Red Army

LENINGRAD military District has special lectures on international affairs. One of them, a colonel (NU), in March 1949, delivered a speech on the Island Vessel to the 23rd Artillery Regiment. During his speech he told an anecdote about a Soviet soldier, who asked an American soldier: "How are we going to get the loot out of the skyscrapers if the elevator goes wrong?" This was part of a speech approved by the main political office of the Red Army. The colonel said that the capitalist intervention of 1918 would be revenged, and that Alaska would be Russian again. During these lectures, the soldiers had to write questions on slips of paper which were handed to the lecturer. One of the questions sent up at the time was "Is this not a proof that the USSR is carrying out an imperialistic policy as well as America?" The lecturer replied, "The man who wrote this note is not a true Soviet citizen."

The Red Army Agitpropaganda carries on a campaign to convince the soldiers that the naphtha of Iran belongs to the USSR according to all human logic, since the wells form a part of the BACU-Caucasus naphtha belt.

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