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MUNICH, November 28 (Stankovic) -- By attacking Yugoslavia's connection with the Western social-democratic parties the Soviet critics of Tito only show "how consistent in inconsistency" they are, said "Borba" (November 28) in an article entitled "Collaboration in the Workers' Movement". (See also today's Yugoslav Monitoring, M-43.)

Defending Yugoslav ties with Western socialist parties "Borba" deals with an article by Ponomarov, published in the recent issue of the Moscow "Kommunist" in which the CPSU Central Committee member claimed that "the leaders of the right-wing socialists have visited Yugoslavia in order to hand over to the leaders of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia their experience in serving imperialists, and in betraying the cause of socialism and working class".

The author of the article in "Borba" asked whether this attitude of Ponomarov "means that the Soviet Communist Party is changing its stand toward the social-democrats, i.e. whether Ponomarov considers that the Soviet Party has a monopoly in maintaining relations with socialists" outside the Soviet bloc? "Borba" recalls Khrushchev's speech at the 20th Congress in February 1956 when the Soviet leaders "advocated collaboration... and closer contacts between Communist and socialist parties".

The Belgrade daily said further that "even Ponomarov himself published an article in the Moscow "Pravda" of 3 March 1956 in which he said that the "maintenance of genuine collaboration between social-democratic and Communist parties was an urgent task... of the working class". Moreover, during the past several years, "Borba" said, "many leading social-democrats visited the Soviet Union and conducted talks with the highest leaders of the Soviet Communist Party and government".

"Borba" said that when the social-democrats who visited the Soviet Union come to Yugoslavia "then not only are these people not comrades, as they are usually called by the Soviet leaders, but they are "imperialist agents who relate to the leaders of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia their experiences in serving imperialists and in betraying the cause of socialism and the working class". This is not only Soviet "consistency in inconsistency" but also another evidence that attempts are being made to isolate Yugoslavia, which "are transparent and extremely innocuous".

In conclusion "Borba" said that the Yugoslav CP Program defined the Yugoslav stand toward contemporary social-democratic parties and therefore the latest anti-Yugoslav campaign "will not prevent" the Yugoslav Communists "from developing equal collaboration not only with the Communists of other countries, but also with socialist parties of different shades, as well as with other progressive parties and movements. because this is all in the interest of peace and socialism."

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