

"Objectivity" of British Comment on Hungary Questioned

Hungary versus Egypt and Cyprus

An unnamed commentator on the home service said, i.a: "The BBC, that traditionally objective information service, which strives tremulously to denigrate the Communist system all day long in every language, is trying to prove to its Hungarian listeners several times a day ... that 'national communism' based on Marxism must be brought into being. Independence is naturally indispensable for this. Therefore, hand in hand with Free Europe Radio, they lecture Hungarian listeners 20 hours a day on the subject of independence, using moving literary quotations. But if one listens to the home service, one learns that dependence is, after all, necessary - political, as well as economic dependence. Dependence on the imperialist States, of course. With this in view, they try to prove several times a day to their British and US listeners ... that it is impossible for the Suez Canal to belong to Egypt and that Cyprus definitely needs British authority, for no one has more experience in organising the life of backward peoples than Britain.