

COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES TWIST NATIONALISM

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(Text) Today's issue of NEPSZABADSAG publishes the second installment of the series of articles contributed by Istvan Szirmai, member of the Central Committee of the party, under the title "The Fight to Win Over the Masses." Today's installment is devoted to the question of nationalism, the ideological weapon of the counterrevolution.

After showing the havoc wrought in the minds of the people by the poison of counterrevolution, Szirmai writes: The best means to refute the pseudo-patriotic slogans and to safeguard the genuine national interests is to assimilate and patiently propagate the fundamental theses of scientific socialism, according to which national aspirations must be subordinated to the general progress of mankind, which must be considered to lie in the highest interests of every nation..

In the fight against nationalism our primary task is to make everyone understand that anyone who seeks to make us abandon these fraternal ties by which we are linked to the neighboring Rumanian, Czechoslovak, and Yugoslav peoples. Anyone who tries to sow discord and broach again the question of frontiers is opening the gates for the savage forces of war and even threatening the most cherished treasure of our people: peace.

The article then shows how detrimental it was for Hungary in the course of the last 30 years to participate in imperialist wars. The imperialists did not want to resolve the national problems and they are even incapable of doing so, since the division of the peoples in slavery is a good method to maintain their imperialist rule. Szirmai emphasizes that, contrary to capitalism, socialism does resolve the national question. (One sentence indistinct)

He proves that anti-Sovietism was the most typical manifestation of the nationalist propaganda of the counterrevolution. He notes in this connection that large masses of the Hungarian people still fail to be sufficiently familiar with the repeated advice and recommendations of the Soviet Union, which has warned in the past and is warning now against a mechanical copying of Soviet life and methods, exhorting us to respect our national particularities. The truth is that we are a country enjoying equal rights with the Soviet Union and that within the framework of the fraternal alliance with the Soviet Union this equality finds full manifestation.

Szirmai then refers to the leading role of the Soviet Union, explaining that without leadership no common fight can be waged effectively. This thesis is not ignored by the imperialists themselves and they too have (words indistinct) power. In our own socialist camp mutual assistance and the spirit of proletarian internationalism are closing our ranks more and more. The peoples, united in the socialist camp enjoy nothing but benefits by the fact that the leading role has been assumed by the Soviet Union. The Hungarian people (which has had to rely for so much aid on the Soviet Union?) is in the best position to be convinced of this truth.