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YUGOSLAV PAPER ATTACKS KHRUSHCHEV

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MUNICH, June 18 -- (STANKOVIC) -- Yugoslavia is not going to sacrifice her independence because if she did there would be no sense of any kind of "unity" of the so-called socialist camp, said the ZAGREB daily "Vjesnik" in its June 15 issue.

Writing under the title "contemporary Aladdins" the anonymous author of the article in "Vjesnik" said that KHRUSHCHEV's comparison in SOFIA (June 3) between a platoon and a single soldier "marching out of step" was very significant. After hearing KHRUSHCHEV's story one cannot but imagine "a courtyard of a military barrack, uniforms, the hierarchy of commanders, orders to be carried out". It seems, the Yugoslav author added, that "there are people who would like to see the whole "camp" organized as a military barrack; there are people who prefer precisely such and only such a socialism..."

"Manifest of Hatred"

Recalling the fact that almost ten years have passed since the "ill-famed" Cominform Resolution, "that manifest of hatred", was published, the Yugoslav author said that the Soviet leaders "did their utmost to convince us that the person responsible for the publication of the Cominform Resolution was Beria himself whom they called the dirtiest creature of the Stalinist rule. They themselves (i.e., the Soviet leaders) -- by burying the Cominform Resolution as anarchistic and harmful -- had in a spectacular way connected it with the evil spirit of Stalinism."

"Vjesnik" continued: "Today, however, we heard from the mouth of Nikita Sergeyevich KHRUSHCHEV that the Cominform Resolution was "basically correct". Consequently the contemporary Aladdins from PEKING to SOFIA have now dug up and polished this rusty "magic" lamp in order to call the spirit of those people who they themselves (i.e. the Soviet leaders) had at the time proclaimed spies, saboteurs and enemies of socialism." For "of 17 people who signed the Cominform Resolution in 1948, twelve were either hanged, shot, imprisoned or escaped from their own countries. The accusations against them were almost identical: espionage, sabotage, violation of socialist laws..."

Bulgarian Communists In Dilemma

The author of the article in "Vjesnik" said that not only in Yugoslavia but "throughout the world" the people ask why all this? "This problem torments even the members of the Bulgarian Communist Party

whose leaders at the June Congress were complimented by the "competent" one with an affectionate pat on the shoulder because for 10 years they (the Bulgarian leaders) were in the front line of all "socialist" forces who have made their chief task the settling of the account with socialist Yugoslavia. This problem torments the people. For were it not so why then did the First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party come as far as SOFIA to make a speech at the Bulgarian Congress almost exclusively attacking Yugoslavia?"

#### KHRUSHCHEV Demands TITO to Change Step

The author of the article in "Vjesnik" considers that the chief reason why KHRUSHCHEV came to SOFIA was his demand that "Yugoslavia must 'change step' if she wishes to be considered a socialist country... In this way, however, KHRUSHCHEV confirmed a fact which is essential for the appraisal of the present conflict. Yugoslavia has not changed her policies." This is why she must be taken to task and why KHRUSHCHEV called TITO "a Trojan Horse".

Yugoslavia, however, "has irresistibly struggled for the unity of all progressive forces in the world" and no "supreme aims" would compel her to sacrifice her independence "because if this happened then there would be no sense of any kind of unity" in the so-called socialist camp.

#### West Better Than East

Comparing the pressure exerted upon Yugoslavia from the West and the East, the Yugoslav author said that the Soviet critics of Yugoslavia "have not yet given any evidence on the basis of which we would be able to make a difference between the 'socialist' character of Stalin's threats of armed intervention, economic blockade and instigation of our people to riot against our leaders, with the similar measure taken by imperialists".

In the opinion of the Yugoslav author there has been a difference between the Soviet and the Western pressure: "the West has never taken such a crude attitude" against Yugoslavia.

As to the American aid to Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav author said that the Soviet critics "seem not to have been able to grasp that economic aid can be given and taken without any political conditions attached".

In the conclusion the author of the article in "Vjesnik" said that if the Soviet critics of Yugoslavia have waged an anti-Yugoslav campaign "in order to realize some of their calculations, their certain narrowminded aims, then one can ask where lies the alleged care for unity and strengthening of socialist forces in the world to which they have given such nice lip service?"

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