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YUGOSLAVS ASK WHY MOSCOW AND SATELLITES KEEP SILENT
ABOUT CHINESE "PEOPLE'S COMMUNES".

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Munich, December 3 (Stankovic) -- Radio Zagreb last night broadcast a commentary by M. Sundic asking why "no country within the so-called socialist camp has yet said a word" about the Chinese system of "people's communes". Sundic claimed that "the Chinese communes have not filled other members of the so-called socialist camp" with enthusiasm probably because "the Chinese experiment has nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism". He asked: "What does socialist unity gain if the price for it is to be paid by hushing up really ill manifestations and by exaggerating problems which do not exist at all, like for instance Yugoslav revisionism?" (See also today's M-17 and M-22 - Yugoslav Monitoring).

So far only the Yugoslav trade union boss, Svetozar Vukmanovic-Tempo, has asked similar questions (in his speech in Ohrid on November 9). He said that the Communists of the Soviet bloc countries and elsewhere outside Yugoslavia "are against Yugoslav revisionism while keeping silent on the subject of the terrible revisionism conducted in China today, revisionism which is causing great damage to the international Communist idea and to the international socialist movement". Vukmanovic, however, did not allege that Moscow and the satellites were against the Chinese system of "people's communes".

Speaking in Novo Mesto on November 23, Tito said that Peking's newly-formed "military communes" had "nothing in common with Marxism". The Yugoslav leader, however, also did not allege that other Communist countries within the socialist camp were against this Chinese system. This has now been done openly for the first time, by the Radio Zagreb commentator.

"Dictatorship over the Proletariat".

Sundic said that Soviet and satellite silence about the Chinese system of "people's communes" was "the first case of one significant innovation in the life of one of the leading members of the camp being ignored". Sundic continued:

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What does this mean? Have those who consider themselves competent to give theoretical evaluations not yet managed to find our provisions in the works of Marx, Engels and Lenin, which could serve as affirmation of the correctness of the Chinese road to Communism, or do they simply not venture to say what should be said about military communes? Obviously the second is the case since the Chinese experiment has nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism.

Sundic added that the Chinese system of "people's communes" represents "the crude revision" of the socialist idea and practice because "military communes are the result of dogmatic and bureaucratic views on the basic problems of the construction of socialist society and socialist relations". However, in Sundic's opinion, not only the situation in China but also in the socialist camp as a whole has shown that "the dictatorship of the proletariat has turned into the dictatorship over the proletariat and working peasantry".

Since the idea of communes "has no childhood" at all but overnight has been transferred "into a mass movement" man has become "part of a mechanism" which "does not have the right to think".

#### Moscow and Satellites Do Not Like Communes.

Of the silence prevailing in the Soviet Union and satellite countries about the Chinese system of "people's communes", Sundic said:

The Chinese communes have not filled other members of the so-called socialist camp with enthusiasm. They are being neither reported nor discussed in these countries, although all other Chinese moves are endlessly reported on. Actually, no ~~one~~ ventures to say what he thinks about the communes. Is not this the driest kind of practicicism, or perhaps an ordinary sort of camp opportunism? Why is this being done in this way? What does socialist unity gain if the price for it is to be paid by hushing up really ill manifestations and by exaggerating problems which do not exist ~~at~~ all, like for instance Yugoslav revisionism? A declarative unity obviously cannot veil difficulties. To escape from them does not lead to anything...

Sundic said that such difficulties within the socialist camp could not be hidden through the anti-Yugoslav campaign aimed at presenting "alleged Yugoslav revisionism as the greatest problem of contemporary socialism".

"But in case some competent person should still try to say something about the Chinese road to Communism, he would forcibly come to inconvenient conclusions about the revision of the basic provisions on socialist society. Hence this silence about the Chinese military communes," Sundic concluded. # (1545)