

World Revolution: Russia's Assessment*

While the United States and its allies display confusion, disunity and near impotence in the face of Russia's growing global influence, a Soviet party document has been published which reveals, yet again, how the same words mean totally different things when spoken in Moscow instead of Washington.

According to the Moscow document there are more than 60 million activists in the Soviet cause operating in 90 countries. These activists are described as "detachments of the army of communists" which are a highly disciplined force working towards a single objective: the "revolutionary transformation of society."

But the Russian leaders are not complacent; this army must improve the strategy and tactics, particularly as the "opposition" (the West) is disorganized and divided. Penetration must be increased on a global scale and Moscow names three zones: (1) the countries of developed capitalism; (2) the countries of the developing world; (3) the zone of national liberation movements.

The Soviet document claims that the Soviet Union holds the initiative almost everywhere and makes the categorical claim:

The world Communist Movement is today the most powerful, organized and dynamically developing force in the contemporary world.

Dismissing the West as suffering from "disorientation in its ranks" and therefore unable to halt the "essential process," the document concedes that there may be a certain slowing down of the "essential process" but that there is now no chance that it can be halted altogether. The document concludes ominously that the "enemy" is no longer in any position to exact concessions in what it calls "the struggle for the future."

It can be clearly seen therefore that the statements made by President Carter and Prime Minister Callaghan are regarded as being so much bluster on the

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part of leaders who are trying to conceal their own impotence from their own people.

Britain's restrained reaction to the Marxist massacre at Vumba, Rhodesia, is a tribute to communist propaganda which is repeating its Vietnam triumph.

Britain's refusal to join with America, Belgium and France in giving financial aid to Zaire on the grounds that the government is "corrupt" is a tribute to the strength of the "Communist Movement" within the British Labour Party—there are three Marxists within Callaghan's cabinet. Of course Britain will give financial aid to Mozambique and Zambia, both suffering from degrees of endemic African corruption, thus allowing Russia to concentrate upon supplying arms with the declared aim of "liberating" (bringing under communist rule) pro-Western Rhodesia and South Africa. Compliant Zambia can either become an African Finland or be dealt with later.

Moscow Exploits Katanga

While the Katanga rebellion has disturbed the West and, by highlighting the tribal problems inherent in practically all African states, deeply worried white Africans, the Soviet Union has been skillfully exploiting the rebellion through its tribal language broadcasts and its "activists" throughout Africa.

According to Moscow, racial and tribal unrest are an inherent weakness of capitalism and the solution lies in the "Soviet Socialist system" which has, according to Moscow, gone a long way to solving the problem in those African countries which have adopted it. Of course, as a single party Marxist dictatorship with total control of all information is one of the features of the "Soviet Socialist system," there is no readily available evidence to the contrary.

Moscow points to the conflicts in Ireland, Belgium, Spain and Canada as examples of how capitalism fails to unite people, and says of the United States that "racial unrest is an inseparable element of life" in the leading country of the West.

Naturally this line also suits the attack being made upon South Africa and Rhodesia and is equally effective against any black leader who seeks to "sell out" to the West by supporting any anti-communist, free enterprise system which Moscow dislikes.

The Africans are being told that the "Soviet nation" has been created from 130 different nations speaking 130 different languages under the "humanitarian" leadership from Moscow in the "Soviet Socialist system," and that consequently these peoples are enjoying a quality of life undreamed of before the revolution. The Russian language is universal throughout the USSR, so why should it not bind the African people together.

The appeal of this very skillful propaganda cannot be underestimated. Communism, as Marx declared, abolishes all morality, and should Mobutu of

Zaire turn to Moscow tomorrow, the Russians and their Cuban "activists" who are today supporting the Shaba "rebels," will change sides overnight and join in the ruthless suppression of the Katangese whose grievances they are now so effectively exploiting.

The Russians do not have to make war in Europe; all they have to do is dominate Africa, and the West, including America, is finished. At the moment there seems to be a better appreciation of that fact in Moscow than there is in either London or Washington.

Moscow's Problem

However, the decision-makers in Moscow are facing a delicate problem. The military experts at the Soviet Defence Ministry dealing with Africa have advised the political strategists that the *Cuban expeditionary force is made up of such poor material that their deployment in southern Africa would be a disaster.* In the opinion of the military experts, a clash between Cubans and the Rhodesian or South African armed forces would be virtual suicide on the part of the Cubans.

The Soviet Defence Ministry has recommended that some method must be found to provide the Cubans, should they venture to the south, with East German officers and a general East German stiffening. There is, of course, already a generous sprinkling of East German military "advisers" with the Cubans, but something on a much bigger scale is needed.

The East Germans are ready for the task. General Heinz Hoffman, the East German Defence Minister and member of the Politburo, carried out a personal reconnaissance in several African countries in May. In Launda he went on record as saying that "only a joint struggle can wipe out the imperialist enemy" in Africa. He added that "our entire nation and armed forces are ready to provide that solidarity." *All he is awaiting is the go-ahead from Moscow.*

But will the United States tolerate it? That is the problem confronting the decision-makers in Moscow. Just how far can they go in their military brinkmanship in Africa? Some believe they will get away with almost any thing so long as they are fighting the "racists." *Others fear that at some stage the US Administration will snap out of its political stupor.*

So far Moscow is undecided, but on this subject President Carter and his advisers are under closer scrutiny than ever before.

