

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Says Israel Needs An Independent Egypt

Editor, Daily Worker:

Permit me the following observations on the war situation in the Middle East:

All peoples sincerely interested in human progress and world peace applaud the daring and heroic struggle of the Egyptian people and its government to wrest itself from the political and economic tentacles of British and French imperialism, to counter the wily intrigues of Dulles-Wall Street interests to secure its sovereignty and independence, and to launch its country onto the path of national rehabilitation.

The friends of Israel who have a prideful interest in the material progress of this doughty young state also appreciate the fact that only an Egypt that is truly independent—and not a pawn of imperialist interests—can be finally able to negotiate a settlement of the source of conflict and tensions between Israel and her neighbor Arab countries.

A strong and sovereign Egyptian Republic, free to expend its resources on the material and cultural development of its people, is the best guarantee for securing neighborly relations of peace and economic exchange between Israel and her neighbors.

The thrust of the Israeli Army into Egypt on a full scale military offensive, leaving in its wake a trail of pillage and burnings proclaims, that the present government of Israel does not hold this view, but on the contrary is prepared to gamble the fate of its Nation on quite the opposite premise, that is, that what will serve the interest of Israel will be a British-French occupied vessel Egypt, a non-sovereign, a poor and unfree Egypt, a defeated Egypt smoldering with hate.

The Ben Gurion government some months ago launched Israel on this reckless and utterly unreal course of compelling the Arab countries to come to terms with it via flashes of punitive military excursions. On Sept. 25, the Israeli Foreign Ministry officially announced that the Israeli forces conducted a military operation against a base in Jordan in which some 50 Jordanians were killed. An official army communique was released, boasting that in addition to the 50 persons killed "... a large quantity of booty was taken."

Ben Gurion's policy is based on a 19th Century concept of the Arab peoples of the Middle East. The Arab peoples who have initiated a great struggle to break the yoke of mighty British and French imperialism can hardly be expected to bend the knee before Ben Gurion's saber rattling and Lilliputian expeditionary forces—no matter what initial successes Israeli arms may score.

The Ben Gurion government with utmost cynicism has worked out a shameful deal with British and French imperialism to create by its aggression a pretext and an opportunity for France and Britain to retake the Suez Canal in the name of "protecting freedom of transit through the canal."

The Ben Gurion government has squandered the moral position of Israel, inflamed hatred against its people on the part of its vastly more numerous neighbor countries, and seriously compromised its own sovereign status by drawing closer to its rapacious imperialist "allies."

The people of Israel in defense of their lives and their future of their country should demand the immediate recall of their troops, the ouster of the Ben Gurion government and its replacement by a government committed to issue an apology and indemnity to Egypt and on the foundation of such reversal

of the blundering imperialist-collaborationist policies of Ben Gurion's government, to enter into negotiations for an all-sided settlement of all areas of conflict and antagonism of interests.

In the meantime, the true friends of Israel the world over should voice their support of the appeal of the UN representatives of the U. S. and of the U.S.S.R. for an immediate withdrawal of the columns of the Israeli army behind its own borders.

The imperialist powers want dependent and subjugated Egypt as an outpost of imperialist military terror in Africa, against the rising colonial peoples of Algeria, Kenya, etc.

Urge upon the President to use his executive powers to back up his stern censor of Britain and France's naked aggression by immediately applying economic sanctions and freezing credits and shipments to the perfidious partnership in piracy, peace-wrecking and murder of Israel, Britain and France.

All aid to the just struggle of the Egyptian people and their government to uphold the integrity of their country's independence!

Condemn the aggressors—Israel, Britain and France—and demand they withdraw their armed forces from Egyptian territory and indemnify her for all losses sustained from this aggressive conspiracy.

Urge upon the UN to take immediate initiatives to expel the invaders and end the aggression against Egypt.

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Would Have Waited For Facts on Poland

Editor, Daily Worker:

So it's come to this — the Daily Worker now has an editorial policy which seeks to cur-

ry favor with the bourgeoisie—nay, we now are willing instrument of the bourgeoisie! This is all I'm left with after reading your editorial on the Polish situation entitled "Historic Days."

All the reactionary forces in this country were blowing last weekend's events up sky high—and the Daily Worker couldn't wait to join in.

It seems to this reader (of 15 years' reading) that if we are on the path toward correcting what in the past was uncritical acceptance of everything that went on in the socialist world, we should not now do about face and uncritically accept any change, any criticism just because it is a change, and join in the huzzahs and hurrahs with the New York Times et al.

At the time the D. W. wrote its editorial, it DID NOT KNOW all that was going on—and was not in a position to evaluate the changes in Poland. Is it necessary then, for the D. W. to jump in immediately with an editorial just to prove its point to the bourgeois press that we "accept no orders from anyone"?

Wouldn't it be wiser and more in the interest of internationalist working class solidarity, to wait a while until we have more information before we go on with a blazing editorial which treats of these serious events with absolutely no scholarship, no background, and no logic?

How can you be "dubious" about the validity of the Pravda criticism of the Polish press without having studied the Polish press? How can you in an editorial say "it sounds too much like . . ." merely on a hunch of yours? You are supposed to be a responsible newspaper — and you're not supposed to operate on hunches.

I take great exception to this editorial and view it as completely bourgeois in character.

—OFFICE WORKER

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surrendering and the "population" up in arms against "enemies of the people's regime who tortured and hanged the finest representatives of the Hungarian people."

The downfall of the all-party government of Premier Nagy was proclaimed. He and his cabinet were prisoners, arrested when the Russians drove on Parliament House early this morning.

The Kadar regime promised "thorough economic reforms" and amnesty to rebels. Kadar said he called in the Russian troops to keep Hungary democratic and socialist.

Fierce fighting had been reported during the morning in Budapest.

The Russians advanced into the heart of Budapest with 100 tanks in the midst of negotiating between the Nagy regime and a delegation of Soviet military men.

The Soviet troops moved first near the Yugoslav frontier. Pecs, one of the first cities to fall to rebels after their uprising of Oct. 23, fell quickly.

Other forces took Veszprem, 50 miles southwest of Budapest. Győr, the northwestern rebel stronghold, was cut from the west and east.

Truckloads of prisoners were seized in Budapest.

At 5:15 a.m. (11:15 p.m. EST Saturday), Premier Nagy said the Soviets were out to overthrow the "democratic government."

The advance of the Russians was reported by an editor of the MTI Hungarian news agency.

The new Kadar regime broadcast a tape recording of Kadar's proclamations which promised "thorough economic reforms."

Original announcement of Kadar's new government was made last night over a radio in Zalaok, a city 60 miles east of Budapest, while the Russians were advancing.

Kadar promised to negotiate

withdrawal of Soviet troops but only after "peace and restoration of order." He also pledged "independence and freedom" and no persecution of rebels.

The only member of the old Nagy government believed to have escaped is Mrs. Anna Kethly, a minister of state. She was in Vienna when the Russians took over.

She left by plane this morning enroute for New York.

Kadar's vice premier, Ferenc Meunich, in a broadcast heard on Moscow radio, said Kadar himself and others broke with Nagy Thursday because the Nagy government was "under pressure of counter-revolutionary circles and had lost control of the situation."

He added: "Counter-revolutionary gangsters murdered many of our comrades and intimidated our people."

Western Red Cross volunteer and other relief workers still were in the country, caring for wounded

PRAVDA EDITORIAL

MOSCOW, Nov. 4 — Pravda today attacked Hungarian Premier Nagy as an "accomplice of reactionary forces" and said, "the urgent task dictated by the course of events is to block the path of reaction in Hungary."

Pravda said Soviet troops withdrew from Budapest last week at Nagy's request. Then, it said, "reactionary forces let themselves go still further."

"The bloody terror against the workers took on an unprecedented scale," the editorial said. "In these circumstances it became abundantly clear that Imre Nagy cannot and does not want to wage a struggle against the dark forces of reaction."

"The Nagy Government has in fact disintegrated, having yielded its position to the anti-popular elements. Chaos is reigning in Hungary."

The editorial added, "The anti-popular elements in making use of