TWO CRIMES THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY:
Russian Butchers Crush Hungarian People
As Western Imperialists Assault Egypt

By HAL DRAFER

The joint attack on Egypt by the British, French, and Israeli forces is an instance of imperialist aggression against a small country as any in the history of colonialism.

Led by Britain and France, with Israel acting as their catapult and junior partner in behalf of its own aims, the attack by the Western allies is a continuation of their three-month-old drive to blackball Egypt over possession of the Suez Canal and reverse the nationalization of the Canal Company, to put the waterway under “international” (i.e., imperialist) control.

But Egypt had and has a sovereign right to take over control of this piece of Egyptian territory.

Cairo was willing to, and proposed to, concede various guarantees of free shipping through the canal, of compensation for the Canal Company coupon-clippers, (Continued on page 2)

As we go to press, British Labor’s great struggle against the war has forced a conciliation on the Eden government, act of seizure of the canal, with the outcome still in doubt. And Eden Gurien has made official the Israeli aim to grab Sinai and other territory.

Hungary and Egypt: Blood-Relations

Marguerite Higgins of the N.Y. Herald Tribune:

“Would the Russians have dared invade the blood-soaked Hungary had they not had as an excuse British and French unilateralist intervention in Egypt? ... The British and French timed their ultimatum to Egypt so as to take advantage of Soviet preoccupation with the satellites. How the Russians have turned the tables and are taking advantage of the West’s preoccupation with the Middle East to try and crush forever the spirit of freedom in Hungary.”

The British Labor Party’s Daily Herald: Without the Western split over the attack on Egypt, “Russia would never have risked her influence in Asia by an outburst of gangsterism. Eden has provided a cloak for the murder of Budapest. A share of the blood of Hungary should be Eden’s conscience.”

Scissors-Howard correspondent Deny from Sopron, Hungary:

“But they say, ‘When British forces attacked Egypt, the Hungary was lost.’ Almost everyone I’ve talked with, young and old, say the same.”

Australian socialist leader Holm in Vienna:

“The police action in Egypt provided the Soviet Union with a pretext for its own action. This we must realize with great bitterness in the very hour that Hungary’s fight for freedom ended.”

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Communist Militants: Which Side Are You On?

By GORDON HASKELL

Russian tanks, in crushing the revolution in Hungary, have also dealt a mortal blow to the world Communist Parties from which they will never recover. The shells exploding in Budapest have blown up the last myth with which this movement was trying to paste itself together: the myth that “Stalinism without Stalin” was in fact, or was in the process of becoming, democratic socialism.

Ever since the world leaders of the Communist movement “revealed” that Russia, the “socialist bastion,” had lived under a brutal totalitarian regime for twenty years, this movement in the United States and throughout the world has been in a state of ideological turmoil and disintegration.

Thousands of members and leaders who had lived, fought and sacrificed for this movement because they believed it offered an infinitely more democratic, more humanitarian, method of social revolution than that which prevailed in the capitalist world, began to re-think what they had been taught, and what they had taught others, about the relationship between socialism and democracy.

As is to be expected, individuals and groups in and around the Communist Party have differed in the speed and depth with which they were willing or able to re-assess their political ideology. As the further implications of the “revealing” about Stalinism presented themselves, some went to the right, and others to the left.

The discussion in the American CP and in most others has swung away from the central question of the social character of the Russian regime and of the others built in its garb,” the statement adopted by the CP as the correctness of the domestic policies of these countries for democratization, for a solution to their economic problems, for full national sovereignty and equality in their relations with the Soviet Union. “This is so despite the fact that in Poland and, more recently in Hungary, reactionary forces and others influenced by agents and propaganda of capitalist countries including our own, have been trying to use these democratic movements in the name of restoring capitalism in these lands.

“Nevertheless, the basic cause of these upheavals is to be found in the fact that the Communist parties of these countries represent the interests of restoring capitalism in these lands. “The basic cause of these upheavals is to be found in the fact that the Communist parties of these countries represent the interests of restoring capitalism in these lands. “The basic cause of these upheavals is to be found in the fact that the Communist parties of these countries represent the interests of restoring capitalism in these lands.

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To Communist Militants

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