

More Acute Soviet-U.S. Contention for World Hegemony

The intensified contention between the two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States, for world domination camouflaged as "peace" and "detente" was recently exposed by *Nuova Unita*, organ of the Communist Party of Italy (Marxist-Leninist).

An article in the paper said that the two superpowers make inroads into the Mediterranean and the Middle East and "push their way into the traditional spheres of influence of European colonialism. Once again, they are locked in rivalry for complete control of this region on the basis of military power."

The article underlined the contention for domination of Europe between the Soviet Union and the United States. "The rivalry between the two superpowers for world domination has become steadily more acute. Each of them seeks to strengthen control over its own spheres of influence. The Soviet Union has stationed more troops in Eastern Europe, stepped up

military manoeuvres and sent more special agents to penetrate the state apparatus of its 'fraternal' allies." Some time ago the Soviet representative in Helsinki openly propagated the "theory of limited sovereignty" and "claimed the 'right' to interfere in such incidents as the Czechoslovak affair. Obviously, social-imperialism wants to make sure that the East European countries put their financial and human resources at the service of its criminal designs for world domination."

The United States also resorts to various means, the article noted, to bring other governments to submission and to strengthen its control of Western Europe.

The article said: "While chattering continuously about 'peace' and 'detente,' the United States and the Soviet Union go on increasing their nuclear arms stocks and refuse to make any commitment not to be the first to use the atomic bomb." "Facts have demonstrated the hypocrisy of the propaganda of 'peace' and 'detente.' In reality, imperialism's internal contradictions and conflicts have become more and more acute and war preparations are continuing at an accelerated pace."