WHOSE COUP?

The Daud regime in Afghanistan was recently overthrown by a British-trained Baluchi leadership. This coup was plotted in the Soviet Union, and utilised the front-line Soviet positions to overthrow the deposed monarch, the last of the Afghan royal family.

The Soviet Union has thus incurred the wrath of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union has now turned to support the Afghan armed forces, which has long had a stronger iron in the fire. The territory of the former Soviet Union and Afghanistan. Like the Kurs, Somalia and other nationalities, the Baluchi have waged a long and complicated struggle for their national rights. The Soviet realism has long taken advantage of this to try to fish in troubled waters, by trying to use the legitimate demands of the Baluchi people to build up its own influence.

Baluchi ascensionist forces suffered various defeats at the hands of Bhutto's army. The Soviet Union dashed forward to the Khyber Pass for ascensionist leaders who went into exile. For instance, the Soviet Union asked Zia to leave Afghanistan. This, from Iraq. Experience in Bengal, Ethiopia and elsewhere shows that when the Soviet Union intervenes in such a way, its motive is not the democratic and peaceful solution of the Afghan problem, but the initiation of their revolutionary solution. On the contrary, its motive is to exploit the Afghan problem for its own aims by trying to gain influence in their leadership and if possible hijack it.

If, therefore, the Soviet Union succeeds in arming Afghanistan, it will be of strategic advantage to itself in such a way that the situation in Pakistan could soon become very dangerous.

A new, pro-Soviet state: the Baluchistan

In the case of Bengal in 1971, the Soviet Union succeeded in putting up a new conflict that could lead to the further disintegration of Pakistan. In that case, the Indian army fulfilled three functions: it delayed the Pakistan army; it enabled the Soviet Union to remain in the firing line; and it provided a bigger toe-hold in Iran. The Shah's dictatorship is now tottering under the blows of the Iranian masses, and the Soviet Union would dearly love to turn its gains to its advantage by establishing a pro-Soviet regime in post-Shah Iran, instead of a peoples' democratic government.

Labour governments' collusion

What has Britain? Labour government done to alert the British people to the serious threat to world peace that is posed by such Soviet adventures? Nothing! On the contrary, pro-Soviet elements are given a fairly free hand to conduct their intrigues in London. In addition the British press does nothing to make the truth known.

The "liberal" British press has been making a big to-do about atrocities committed by the military regime in Pakistan. What nonsense! For it is the imperialist aggression and its muppets couldn't give a damn about the suffering of the people of Pakistan, nor the show by their blackout on British aggression in Dhofar, Oman. Oppression in Pakistan, whose root cause is imperialist exploitation by the US and Western imperialism, will be dealt with by the Pakistan masses, not by self-righteous and hypocritical leader-writers on the staff of the Guardian and other British newspapers. Meanwhile these papers maintain a story silence on developments whose danger for the people of Pakistan and the whole world is completely overshadowed by those deeds of Zia and his fellow British-trained blimps.

Second world countries must oppose

The Labour government must not be allowed to go on pussy-footing. This government is responsible for the present solution. As long as the Government is in power, so long as active steps are not taken to stop the recent Soviet aggression, the Labour government must be held responsible for any further aggression by the Soviet Union.