

Soviet Empire

The Soviet Union, while pretending otherwise, is a colonial power and a colossus of empires.

It dominates, subjugates and exploits vast areas of Asia and of the Caucasus, initially colonized in the nineteenth century and earlier by Imperial Russia, using them as a source of cheap raw materials, cheap labour and as a captive market,

Furthermore, the Soviet Union, by force of arms, has deprived highly-developed countries of their independence, deported tens of thousands of their citizens to misery and death, exploited their riches and ruthlessly suppressed every attempt on the part of their people to maintain any semblance of national identity.

The facts are well-known: after seeking and obtaining Hitler's agreement, the Soviet Army in 1940 marched into Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, into Eastern Poland and into Bessarabia, and by military and police power transformed these countries and parts of countries into colonial provinces of the Soviet Union.

A Familiar Story

This was the course followed in 1919 when the Red Army trampled on newly-attained independence of the Ukraine. This occurred while the new Bolshevik Government of Russia was piously declaring that, under its new nationality policy, every part of the former Russian Empire was free to go its own way. The same story could be told of Trans-Caucasia and Central Asia.

Soviet representatives will tell us that the peoples of these subject countries invited the Soviet Army to invade them because what they wanted most was to become part of the Soviet Union.

Is there any sovereign state in the world - independent, democratic, economically vigorous and having a high standard of living - which would willingly invite military occupation and political subjugation by a large neighbour? Would such subjugation be welcomed when that neighbour had a lower living standard, had no democratic institutions and was under the rule of dictatorship?

No free country would invite such invasion and subjugation. The peoples of the Ukraine, the Baltic countries, or other Eastern European countries, of Trans-Caucasia and Central Asia did not invite it. They had it thrust upon them. They were never given an opportunity to choose freedom. They are still being denied the right by the U.S.S.R. which the U.S.S.R. contends should be the right of all peoples.