

A champion of peace? That claim on behalf of the Soviet Union is very hard to swallow. We would expect those who pose as champions of peace themselves to behave peaceably. That is the legitimate test of the intentions of the Soviet Union. In applying it, I suggest that we should look at the kind of language they use about those who differ from them, at the size of their armed forces and at the policies they follow towards their neighbours.

So far as the language which these Soviet apostles of peace employ, I can myself speak with some feeling. I have been the object of some of Mr. Vishinsky's attacks and I have had the pleasure of seeing myself described in the Soviet press as "a running dog of American imperialism". It is of no importance what is said about me by Mr. Vishinsky or by Pravda. What is of importance is the continual stream of vilification and abuse of the countries in the West which is put abroad by the Soviet press and the Soviet radio; particularly the United States of America, the great leader of our defence against Communist aggression. A recent issue of "New Times" published in Moscow, for example, declared, "The American imperialists are preparing to drown whole nations in blood, to turn whole countries into desert zones. They are waging a brutal war of conquest against the Korean and other Asiatic peoples". And so it goes on day after day after day.

Incidentally, if one follows what is said by Soviet propaganda with any care, as I unfortunately am obliged to, it is possible to obtain a certain amount of wry amusement from it. Of whom do you think did the Moscow Literary Gazette write with such enthusiasm in October 1947? -

"He smiled, while the breeze gently stirred the blond hair of the people's hero as though caressing it. (His) broad and manly face radiated such energy, such will power and warmth, while his handsome gray eyes were lit with such a penetrating, active, and inspired intelligence that more than ever one understood why this people's leader, this unflagging fighter for peace and democracy, disposes of such great authority in his own country and beyond its borders."

Of whom did the same journal write in September 1949?--

"Anyone who has seen or heard (him) even once will have noticed that he is loquacious as a parrot, puffed up, bombastic, and conceited. The parrot has put on the uniform of a marshal. At parades and banquets he appears dressed up as a Christmas tree, and makes eyes to the public. You should see how he poses - chest out, head back, eyes bulging."

It was the same man in both cases - Marshal Tito. The Canadian Peace Congress would have cheerfully echoed and applauded each statement at the bidding of Moscow.

Another index of the Soviet Union's love of peace is provided by the size of its armed forces. After the Second Great War the U.S.S.R. demobilized to a much less extent than any of the Western powers. At the present time the active strength of the Soviet Army, exclusive of the huge secret police forces, is not less than 175 divisions with 25,000 tanks and 20,000 aircraft. Everyone