

withdrawal of foreign troops from Hungary. It seemed only a few days ago that the resolution and the sacrifices of these men and women would yield them freedom at last and bring them a government of their own choice. It was the dawn of a new day--the people had risen and their will would prevail, or so it appeared.

Then came the great betrayal. At the very time that, we have been told, negotiations were beginning between Soviet and Hungarian military leaders on a withdrawal of Soviet forces from Hungary, the Soviet Union was moving large new forces into position in Hungary where they could stamp out the rising flame of freedom and re-impose a ruthless and savage oppression. As the Soviet representative put it, the Nagy Government "fell apart". The Soviet Union's shameless disregard of its obligations under the Charter by its armed intervention has done more than kill Hungarians. It has betrayed the principles and ideals of our United Nations.

We have heard a great deal from the representative of the Soviet Union in the past few days about the iniquities of aggression, the unpardonable sin of force exerted by large countries upon small countries in order to bend them to the "imperialist" will, as he put it. There is no need for me to dwell now on the hypocrisy of the Soviet concern for one small nation when its own tanks and bombers are compelling an even smaller nation, which had briefly but gloriously raised its head, to put on the chains again. The Soviet delegate has made the parallel between the situation in Egypt and the situation in Hungary. I would reply first, that the United Nations should judge each situation on its merits; but also, that there is no parallel between the intentions of free democratic nations with a long history of respect for the rights of other nations and those of a dictatorial regime which has not shown the slightest understanding of international collaboration or consideration for the rights of others. That difference is, I think, very clearly revealed in the present situation. The governments of the United Nations and of France have stated firmly and publicly that they are prepared to hand over what they claim to be solely their police role to a United Nations force; a force which we are now trying to organize. It is quite true that there remain differences between the British and the French on the one hand, and a majority of this Assembly on the other, on the conditions in which this transfer can take place. Nevertheless, a transfer has been accepted as necessary and desirable and a promise has been given that it will take place.