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Soviet Union: Shooting the Pentagon

(Moscow, TASS, in English, June 16) A new documentary, *The Pentagon*, has been first shown to the public today. The film-makers—a team of Moscow workers in documentary films led by director Yekaterina Vermisheva—wholly relied on foreign newsreels taken by operators from different countries in various years.

According to Vermisheva, *The Pentagon* has been conceived as a biting piece of cinematic journalism exposing the militarist ambitions of the U.S. reactionary forces. It is a convincing document which shows how the U.S. expansionist policy has been intensified after the Reagan administration became installed and how the so-called limited nuclear war doctrine, dooming Western Europe to the role of the Pentagon's nuclear battleground, has emerged. The film illustrates close contacts between the Pentagon and the U.S. military-industrial complex.

Sequences taken during the Vietnam war, in which more than 1.5 million people fell victim to the U.S. Army, recall how many troubles and privations are brought to the people by U.S. militarist policy.

The film describes the U.S. efforts in the military field aimed against the national liberation movements of different countries. This is exposed, in particular, by sequences taken in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Vietnam: Beijing Threat

(Hanoi Domestic Service, in Vietnamese, June 16) On June 14 in Singapore, the 15th annual conference of foreign ministers of the ASEAN countries was opened. One of the main topics of discussion at this 3-day conference was the Kampuchean issue. As advertised earlier, the foreign ministers of the ASEAN countries hoped that through this conference they would reach the goal set by Beijing—that is, to establish a loose tripartite coalition government for Kampuchea....The real design behind this loose tripartite coalition government is to help Beijing renew the bloodstained face of the Pol Pot-Ieng Sary-Khieu Samphan clique and continue to oppose the revival of Kampuchea....

Prior to the opening of that conference, a number of members of this ASEAN contracting firm were observed to be quite busy exerting pressure on the various Kampuchean factions to force these ferocious beasts—as they are called by the Kampuchean people—to enter docilely the still empty cage of the loose Kampuchean tripartite coalition government designed by Beijing. Upon orders from Beijing, the Khmer Rouge has temporarily concealed some of its fangs...in an effort to create an apparent coalition which will, in reality, be controlled by the genocidal Khmer Rouge....

Singapore and Thailand still show themselves to be

most eager in this foolhardy game. While the Thai foreign minister was hailing the...coalition government, Lee, the prime minister of Singapore, openly said that China is the natural ally of ASEAN....

Beijing's plots and actions against the ASEAN countries are evident. They have pretended, however, to be friendly with the ASEAN bloc, trying to woo and pressure the ASEAN countries so that they can use these countries as a stone to pave the way for the great-Han [Chinese] expansionist cart....

Poland: Solidarity Service

(Warsaw Domestic Service, in Polish, May 30. Pastoral announcement at a mass at Holy Cross Church) A worker has altered the history of the world and is still doing so. It was noticed a long time ago that a worker deserves recognition and respect for his dignity. Respect for the human dignity in every worker should be honored and the church demands this too.

During the memorable days of August, the initiatives to give new life to the homeland were born out of common prayer. These values, which are symbolized by the idea of Solidarity, cannot be forgotten and disposed of.

China: Western Philosophy

(Yunnan Ribao, in Chinese, May 7) Recently, some comrades, in particular educated youths, have become interested in Western philosophical works. ...Doubtless such an interest is advantageous to deepening our understanding of Marxism and enhancing our observation and comprehension of various social problems and outlooks on life. However, some comrades have not attached importance to the study of Marxist theories; some youths even mistakenly hold that the solutions for social problems and the "true meaning" of life can only be found in Western philosophy. They believe in maxims such as "life is but a tragedy," "hell is other people," and "politics are unclean." Sartre's existentialism and Freud's analysis of the mind have become popular topics....

Quite a number of young comrades do not have a thorough understanding of Marxism....If they blindly read Western philosophical works, not only will they be unable to find the correct answers to social problems and problems regarding the philosophy of life, but they will also be subject to the influence of negative viewpoints and ideas of despair which advocate personal struggles. As a result, they will have chaotic minds. If such ideas are used to guide their acts, there is a possibility that they will fall into the abyss of violating law and discipline.

In the past, there was a tendency of criticizing and negating all Western philosophical ideas in some of our books....Undoubtedly, this is incorrect. However, at present some comrades....interpret the meaning of the words without understanding their essence and praise them indiscriminately. This is also incorrect. For example, Sartre, the representative figure of existentialism, put forth the viewpoint of "free choice." Some comrades appreciate this viewpoint without analysis. As a matter of fact, they do not know that the so-called "choice" in existentialist theories means

"molding the individual" after he awakens from spiritual fears and worries. If we can use Marxism to analyze this viewpoint, we will be able to recognize that such "free choice" is impossible in all societies. It is because men must live in certain social, economic and political conditions and it is impossible for men to be "suprasocial beings." Only when we understand actual social relations can we talk about free choice. Therefore, we must use Marxism to make specific analyses of the various Western philosophical viewpoints and only by so doing can we obtain a correct understanding of these viewpoints.

GDR: "Swords Into Plowshares"

(*Bonn, Die Welt, in German, June 15*) In the fall of 1982 a further peace decade of the evangelical youth in the "GDR" will take place under the slogan "Swords Into Plowshares." When this decision of the "GDR" church assembly was announced by Erfurt Provost Heino Falke at the Thuringian Land Youth Sunday meeting in Eisenach, it was greeted with long applause. A total of some 10,000 young Christians had assembled at the Sunday meeting in the woods of Pflugensberg.

El Salvador: Amnesty

(*San Salvador Domestic Service, in Spanish, June 9. Interview with Constituent Assembly President Major Roberto d'Aubuisson*)

(D'Aubuisson) I will not go into detail, but I would like to read you some of the main clauses of the introductory portion of the law of pacification, amnesty and civil rehabilitation....

Whereas all inhabitants of El Salvador have the right to be protected in their efforts to preserve and defend their lives, honor and freedom and the right to enter, remain within and leave the republic, which are rights provided for in the constitution, in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and in the Inter-American Human Rights Convention....

This is followed by a number of articles that, once this law becomes official, will make the law an instrument for initiating the long-awaited pacification. I wish to clearly note the idea expressed in article one of this draft law prepared by ARENA. Article one states:

Amnesty is conferred upon any civilian or military individual, whether a Salvadoran citizen or a foreigner, who up to this date participated as the author of or accomplice or accessory to political or common crimes or related activities, whether or not proceedings have been initiated against him before any judge, court or public authority and whether or not he is serving a tutelary sentence.

The law will be in effect for the necessary number of months. It represents what may be the final opportunity for the subversive groups that have taken up arms against our people and our fatherland to change their position.

(Question) Are the 82 political prisoners mentioned by the committee of mothers of political prisoners and missing persons covered by this law?

(Answer) Yes, the present political prisoners are covered. The current draft law will have to be studied

and analyzed by the executive branch and the armed forces.

(Question) Major d'Aubuisson, you said that this draft law will present a final opportunity. Could you expand on this?

(Answer) You will recall there have been a number of amnesties. Even before the October 15 movement took place amnesty had been declared twice. This is not just another amnesty law. It is more complete. At no time will we agree to negotiations or dialogue. The Salvadoran people did their negotiating and held their dialogue on March 28.

However, a group of Salvadorans and a group of foreigners continue to harass our communities and to create unrest....If they fail to accept this within the period stipulated by law...we will have no choice but to seek a military solution....

Australia: Defense Pact

(*Melbourne Overseas Service, in English, June 1*) A leading defense analyst has told the federal parliamentary committee that Australia should not attempt to move outside the ANZUS defense pact or renegotiate its terms. The ANZUS pact was signed more than 30 years ago by Australia, New Zealand and the United States. It covers their mutual defense in the Pacific region.

The head of the strategic and defense study center at the Australian National University in Canberra, Dr. (Bob O'Neill), says the benefits of belonging to the ANZUS alliance far outweigh the disadvantages. He told the parliamentary committee enquiring into relations between Australia and the United States that the benefits included protection from threats posed by conflict in the region, access to American defense technology and increased regional status.

Dr. (O'Neill) said one of the disadvantages was a possibility of becoming a nuclear target in the event of a global conflict because of the American military bases in Australia. However he said he did not believe the Soviet Union would regard the bases as priority targets.

Kampuchea: Direct Aid

(*[Clandestine] Voice of Democratic Kampuchea, in Cambodian, May 30*) At the May 27 meeting of donor countries to consider the process of humanitarian aid to the Kampuchean people taking refuge along the border, a number of countries announced additional humanitarian aid to the Kampuchean people...:

The United States, \$5 million; West Germany, 4 million DM; Japan, 500,000 dollars; Malaysia, 20,000 dollars; and Finland, 1 million Fmk.

On this occasion, we appeal to the UN humanitarian organizations to please distribute all of this generous aid to the Kampuchean people directly. Do not distribute this aid through the Vietnamese aggressors' administration in Phnom Penh. This is because in the past, humanitarian aid distributed through the Vietnamese aggressors' administration had been fundamentally plundered by the Vietnamese aggressors and diverted in the service of their aggressive war in Kampuchea.

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