countries,but are actually one nation. The Albanians ask, "Do the Yugoslavs want to wipe out the cultural heritage of the Kosova Albanians, to denationalize them, to turn them into Serbians?" This will never happen. Apparently the Yugoslavs are afraid of the development of Albanian culture—but not of the decadent culture of the west!

The Albanians of Kosova are demanding the status of a republic within the Yugoslav Federation. This is a just demand, consonant with their status as a sovereign nation and not just a national minority. But the whole CC of the CPY has opposed this just demand and condemned the recent demonstrations. Most vehement and vicious in this regard have been the Serbian chauvinists, and the head of the Yugoslav secret police, Franjo Herlevich, who accused the Albanian diplomats in various countries of having incited these events. In doing so, he exposed the fact that the Yugoslav secret police have been keeping watch over the Albanian embassies around the world!

In opposing self-determination for Kosova, the Yugoslav leaders are violating international law, they are contravening the declared principles of their previous top leadership, and they are trampling on the principle of good neighborly relations. This is harmful to the interests of both countries, to the security of the Balkans and Europe, and weakens the position of Yugoslavia.

FAKED EXPLOSION AT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY

As the frenzied anti-Albanian campaign continued in Yugoslavia, another incident occurred apparently organized by certain Yugoslav forces. On the evening of May 23rd, two small explosions occured on the terrace of the kitchen attached to the Yugoslav Embassy in Tirana. The explosive charges were small, they were not bombs, and they did almost no damage at all to the kitchen or the pavement outside. Immediately the Yugoslav authorities lodged strong protests with the Albanians against this so-called "attack," protests which were rejected by the Albanian diplomatic service, who immediately sent a team of experts to investigate the matter in the presence of the Yugoslav Ambassador and his staff. What they found was that these two explosive charges could not have been thrown over the protective wall surrounding the embassy, which is constantly guarded, nor could they have been placed by anyone from outside the walls. Nevertheless, the Yugoslav authorities made a big noise about a bombing attack against their embassy in Tirana, accusing the Albanian authorities of hostile activity.

After further investigation, the Albanian authorities absolutely rejected the charges of the Yugoslav government, charging that this incident was cooked up to inflame the anti-Albanian campaign in Yugoslavia and to undermine the good-neighborly relations between the two countries.

The Albanians went further, and declared flatly that this incident was cooked up by the head of the Yugoslav secret police, Franjo Herlevich, who organized this plot without the knowledge of the Yugoslav Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and without the knowledge of the Yugoslav Ambassador in Tirana. The Albanian press release of June 4th pointed to three people, members of the Yugoslav embassy staff in Tirana, one of them a women, who were agents of the secret police and who carried out this provocation. Nevertheless, the Yugoslav authorities and press media continue to blow up this event into a dangerous propanganda attack against Albania.

SECRET SOVIET CONNIVANCE

Another important article was published by *Zeri i Popullit* on June 5th, entitled "THE EVENTS IN KOSOVA AND THE SECRET SOVIET BIG-SERB COLLABORATION." This article deals for the first time with the role of the Soviet Union in the development of these events.

Pointing out that while the whole world was discussing these events, the Soviet Union and its satellites were keeping strangely silent about the whole matter. Perhaps they want to pose as not interfering in internal affairs? But the truth is quite different. They are interfering, and in a subtle and secret way.

The silence of the Soviets is a direct aid and encouragement to the big-Serb chauvinists, who want to smash the independence of the Kosova region. Later they will encourage them to turn northward and use the big stick against the Slovenes, the Croats and the Bosnians. There is a secret collaboration between the Soviets and the big-Serb chauvinists, which is a component part of the rivalry between the Serbs and the Croat-Slovenian factions, the latter being friendly to the western imperialists and the U.S.

RUSSIA HAS FRIENDS IN SERBIA

There are people in Yugoslavia who are secretly working for the interests of the Soviets, mainly in Serbia. At one time Khrushchev told the Albanian leaders that they had a great liking for Rankovich (a Serb) in Yugoslavia. Rankovich is playing a bigger role now in Belgrade, and there is talk that he is the man who should step into the shoes of Tito and take over strong one-man control of the whole country. The Soviets are encouraging their great Serb chauvinist friends to expand, and when they reach too far and need help, then the Russian plan to come forward with Russian aid." It is easy to see that such a policy spells great danger for the Yugoslav people, for the Balkans, for the Albanian people, and for the peace of Europe. What this "aid" will cost the Yugoslav people can be seen from the experience of Czechoslovakia with Gustav Husak or of Afghanistan with Babrak Karmel.

While the Russian bear is sitting quietly, appears to be dozing, it is watching and waiting for its prey to come within reach, and then it will pounce and swallow up its victim.

The Russians have no such friends in Albania, which has long since cleaned out the nest of enemy agents, such as Beqir Balluku, A. Kellezi, and others, who were considered by some Yugoslav leaders as their friends. These traitors admitted their double ties and plots, at the open trials they had in the People's Courts.

Another factor connected with the Soviet designs in Yugoslavia, is their encouragement of the greater-Bulgarian claims on the territory of Macedonia, which they claim to be part of Bulgaria. As the danger of Soviet influence in Yugoslavia grows, in the same proportion will the danger of Bulgarian threats to the Macedonian people become more menacing.

YUGOSLAVIA RENEGES ON RAILWAY PACT

As this issue of Albania Report goes to press, it is reported on the radio that Yugoslavia has decided not to carry out its committment to complete a railroad spur south to the Albanian border to link up with the Albanian railroad system. The Albanian rail system has never had a connection with the European rail network, and for years now there has been agreement with Yugoslavia that both countries would extend their lines to meet at the border above Shkodra to connect the two countries and to provide rail access to Albania with the rest of Europe.

The Albanians have been working hard and on schedule, building the rail line northward to Lezha, and now from there to Shkodra, which is a mere 10 miles from the border. But the Yugoslavs have been dragging their heels on building their spur of only 40 miles to the border point. And now they have announced that they do not intend to carry out their obligation to complete the rail link-up, apparently out of hostility to Albania, and with the obvious intention of harming Albania economically as much as possible. ■

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