

Call For Mediterranean Countries' Participation At Belgrade

Malta's delegation to the Belgrade Conference on European Security and Cooperation formally proposed June 29 that the non-European Mediterranean states be invited to join the conference. Syria, Israel, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia were specified in the resolution, which according to the Cuban news agency, *Prensa Latina*, is likely to receive a positive response. If passed, this motion could help to move the meeting away from the U.S. delegation's "human rights" machinations and proceed to substantive deliberations on Mediterranean and pan-European security and cooperation.

Yugoslavia, the host country has repeatedly emphasized its agreement with such an idea, and Central Committee Presidium member Lazar Kolisevski, at a press conference June 23 prior to his departure for Latin America, called for non-European Mediterranean countries to participate in all phases of the meeting.

Indications are that the U.S. delegation will fight tooth and nail to prevent such an expansion of the conference. According to spokesmen from the U.S. Congress' Helsinki Commission, the U.S. will try to block any discussion of "hot and broad issues," and will make every effort to prevent participation of non-European countries beyond formal greeting statements.

The Soviet delegation and the Soviet press have repeatedly attacked the U.S. maneuvers, calling for a "future-oriented dialogue" rather than a mere assessment of past results (focusing on the bogus "human rights" issue) in implementing the 1975 Helsinki accord. The Soviet trade union daily *Trud* June 28 equated the disruptions of dissident protesters outside the meeting hall with the moves of the Carter Administration: "It must not be overlooked that certain forces are trying to create a situation of tension around the Belgrade meeting. This, in particular, was the purpose of the provocation by Zionist elements who came to the city disguised as tourists. This was stopped by Yugoslav security forces. The report sent by the White House to the so-called U.S. Congressional Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe serves the very same purpose...It is no accident that this report has been cited by all enemies of detente, both in the U.S. and in the other NATO countries."

Belgrade is concurrently hosting a meeting of the Non-Aligned nations' finance ministers and central bankers to discuss implementation of the resolutions of the 1976 Colombo Conference of the Non-Aligned movement, which called for the establishment of a new world economic order, including debt moratoria and new banking institutions to finance development and trade.

Soviets Bounce Carrillo; Eurocommunism Sings Swan Song

The internationally circulated Soviet publication *New Times* last week published a violent attack against the most rotten among the Western European Communist Parties, the Spanish party of Santiago Carrillo (PCE), which has been generally viewed as a notice of "excommunication" from the communist movement. In a statement which Spanish radio characterized as comparable only to 1968 attacks against Dubcek leading up to the Czechoslovak Prague Spring, *New Times* charged Carrillo with attempting to split the communist movement by setting the West European CPs against those of the East, perpetuating the division of Europe into military blocs, attempting to discredit the Soviet Union, and generally acting as an agent of imperialism.

As broadly recognized by the leading Western press

outlets and political commentators, the unprecedented Soviet action represented an unmistakable end to Moscow's toleration of the so-called "Eurocommunist" (anti-Soviet) phenomenon within the Western Communist parties. The new Soviet tactic, as admitted by Carrillo himself in a press conference on June 27, will be to split the PCE in favor of creating a new pro-Soviet party. By implication, as discussed by the Washington Post among others, the Soviets are ready to carry out a similar program against any other Western party which refuses to redress its Atlanticist proclivities.

Speaking to journalists on June 27, Carrillo bluffed that the Soviets would not succeed in dividing his party in favor of the contending pro-Soviet Spanish Communist Workers Party (PCOE) led by General Enrique Lister in