

## 'Kommunist' and The Daily Worker

WE LEARN from Moscow press dispatches, that *Kommunist*, the theoretical journal of the Soviet Communist Party, doesn't approve of the *Daily Worker's* editorial position on the events in Hungary. We haven't seen the full text of *Kommunist's* remarks but we are all for a fraternal exchange of views and a thrashing out of all differences; and when we get the full text of *Kommunist's* piece, we intend to study it.

But we don't think *Kommunist's* dismissal of our views as "babbling" comes under the heading of fraternal spirit, and we suggest *Kommunist's* editorial writer follow the advice of *Pravda* to Marshal Tito on the friendly tone required in such discussions.

As for *Kommunist's* opinion of our editorial position, its main criticism appears to be that we "equated" the invasion of Egypt with the use of Soviet troops in Hungary.

This is not so.

Let us repeat exactly where we stand.

We have vigorously supported U. S. and Soviet moves against the imperialist invasion of Egypt. And we have warned the American people at the same time against attempts here to exploit the Hungarian crisis for purposes of reactionary intervention in that country and to fan the cold war.

To quote our Nov. 5th editorial, we have urged "the withdrawal of all troops from all countries to their own borders", and we pointed out that "as long as American military bases ring the globe, the cold war continues."

No, we do not "equate" the events in Hungary with the imperialist invasion of Egypt. But neither do we condone Soviet policies in Hungary or those of the Hungarian Communist Party. Our position has been that the main responsibility for the tragic events in Hungary lay with the Stalinist policies of repression and the violations of national sovereignty over the past eight years. We have stated that the cause of socialism demands the rapid implementation, already long over due, of the various Soviet policy statements on these questions.

We see the main job of the *Daily Worker* in this connection as one of opposing the efforts of reactionaries in our own country to promote the counter-revolutionary elements in the People's Democracies who seek, as in Hungary, to turn back the clock of history.

As for *Kommunist*, when the full text of its disagreement with us becomes available, we will print it. It would be good if *Kommunist* provided its own readers with the text of our Nov. 5th editorial and our present remarks.