

"THIS SLANDER," ZHUKOV CONTINUED, "ABOUT A SOVIET-AMERICAN COLLUSION IN ORDER TO DIVIDE THE WORLD BETWEEN THEMSELVES WAS WORD FOR WORD REPEATED BY PREMIER CHOU EN LAI."

"BY JOINING IN THE CHORUS OF BONN SLANDERERS," ZHUKOV SAID, "CHOU EN LAI STOOPED TO A MONTRIOUS ALLEGATION THAT THE USSR HAS ADMITTED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE REST OF SOUTHEAST ASIA LIE IN THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM."

ZHUKOV ADDED:

"BOTH PEKING LEADERS AND IMPERIALIST CAMP RINGLEADERS WOULD LIKE TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF DISCORD AND DISTRUST IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR, ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE PATRIOTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND ABOVE ALL, VIETNAM WHO ARE FIGHTING COURAGEOUSLY FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSORS AND THEIR PUPPETS. IN THIS STRUGGLE THE PEOPLES OF ARAB COUNTRIES AND SOUTHEAST ASIA ENJOY FIRM AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET UNION, OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND PROGRESSIVES EVERYWHERE.

"AND NOW THE GROUP OF MAO TSE TUNG, IN A DESIRE TO STAB IN THE BACK THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS STRUGGLE, IS TRYING TO EMBROIL THEM WITH MOST DEVOTED FRIENDS."

"BUT WHO WILL BELIEVE THE AUTHOR ASKS IN CONCLUSION, MONSTROUS LIES AND SLANDER BEING SPREAD VIRTUALLY AT THE SAME TIME FROM NEW YORK, LONDON, BONN AND PEKING?"

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