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CIA Researcher Outlines...

US Plan For Army Regime In India

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WASHINGTON: We have already (BLITZ July 9) shown how the most responsible official records of the US Congress brand India as a warmonger who has committed aggression after aggression against Goa, China and Pakistan.

This view is shared by the US State Department as well as the Pentagon with the British Foreign Office.

CLEAR IMPRINT OF THE C.I.A.

Having branded India an aggressor, the peace-loving Western Powers have got to do something about her. They have to "contain" her; and, so, the notorious Central Intelligence Agency of the US has been working on a number of plans and projects for the "containment" of any renewed Indian aggression, particularly against its ally Pakistan.

The latest of these projects, which clearly bears the imprint of the CIA, has just come into your correspondent's possession. Its author is a famous (or notorious) Afghanistan-based CIA researcher, Louis Dupree; and his report entitled "FIRST REFLECTIONS ON THE SECOND KASHMIR WAR" was released by the American Universities Field Staff (an organisation heavily subsidised by Pentagon and CIA funds) in its South Asia Source (Vol. IX, No. 5).

The report is a rehash of Pakistan's familiar case against India on the Kashmir issue. We need not worry about that; but what should cause New Delhi some worry is the solution very cleverly suggested (or shall we say, auto-suggested) by the CIA researcher. His argument bears reproduction at some length:

INDIA BRANDED AS COLONIAL POWER

"Is there hope for a solution? It seems to me that the answer must be a blunt 'no,' unless India permits a plebiscite in Kashmir. India has, on its own terms, integrated Indian-occupied Kashmir into the Indian Union, but Pakistan will never rest until a plebiscite is held, and in Kashmir itself, infiltration from Azad Kashmir will probably increase even if the current cease-fire ends open warfare. Slowly, but inevitably, Kashmiris will join the infiltrators, and terroristic guerrilla warfare will result. Will India, emulating the mistakes of some Western colonial powers, hold on to Kashmir to the bitter end, while the scene becomes bloodier and bloodier? Probably, unless the United States and the Soviet Union bring joint pressure in the Security Council to force a plebiscite, through political pressure and economic sanctions."

PLEA FOR MILITARY REGIME

Now the naked dagger of the CIA reveals itself:

"A few observers have speculated on the possibility of a solution to the Kashmir problem that

would come out of a shift in the power structure of India. They give weight to the proposal put forward on July 19, 1965, by retired General K. M. Cariappa, the first Army Chief-of-Staff in India after independence, which called for a suspension of democracy so that a strong central regime could combat internal communism and the spread of internal divisive regionalism in India. General Cariappa called for a ruling body of not more than 13 persons to replace the present, as he calls it, "unsatisfactory parliamentary system."

REVIVING THE GHOST OF PLEBISCITE

"If the military should gain greater voice in the Indian power structure, it has been argued, they would open a new channel of communication to their counterparts in Pakistan. The military commanders on both sides are products of the same system having attended the same schools and having fought side by side in World War II. They mutually recognize the need for a joint defence of the Indian sub-continent and might move toward a rapprochement as an essential to that defence."

It is evident that the Anglo-Americans till today hold on to the view that the only solution to the Kashmir problem is a plebiscite forced upon India by the Security Council, or, in the alternative, military rule which would gang up with the Ayub junta in the service of the United States' interests in South Asia.

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