

TITO LIKENS POLICY OF U.S. TO HITLER'S

American Diplomats Voice Surprise and Annoyance

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, May 10—United States diplomats voiced surprise and annoyance today at a Victory Day speech by President Tito in which he implicitly compared current United States policy to that of Hitler and Mussolini.

The Yugoslav leader made the analogy in the following passage of a nationwide television and radio broadcast yesterday morning:

"In fact, when Hitler and Mussolini made their hellish plans in an effort to enslave the whole world and turn free people into slaves of Fascist masters, they always used the slogan about an alleged Communist menace.

"At present, 20 years after the defeat of the dark forces of Fascism, we are once again confronted by a great danger and the world is on the verge of a new war catastrophe. The protagonists of force and oppression now use either the same or similar slogans, frightening the world once again by calling attention to an alleged Communist menace."

Marshal Tito went on to say that "forces of aggression and the policy of force have made their reappearance in new forms, so that by now we can find many things which are very reminiscent of what preceded World War II."

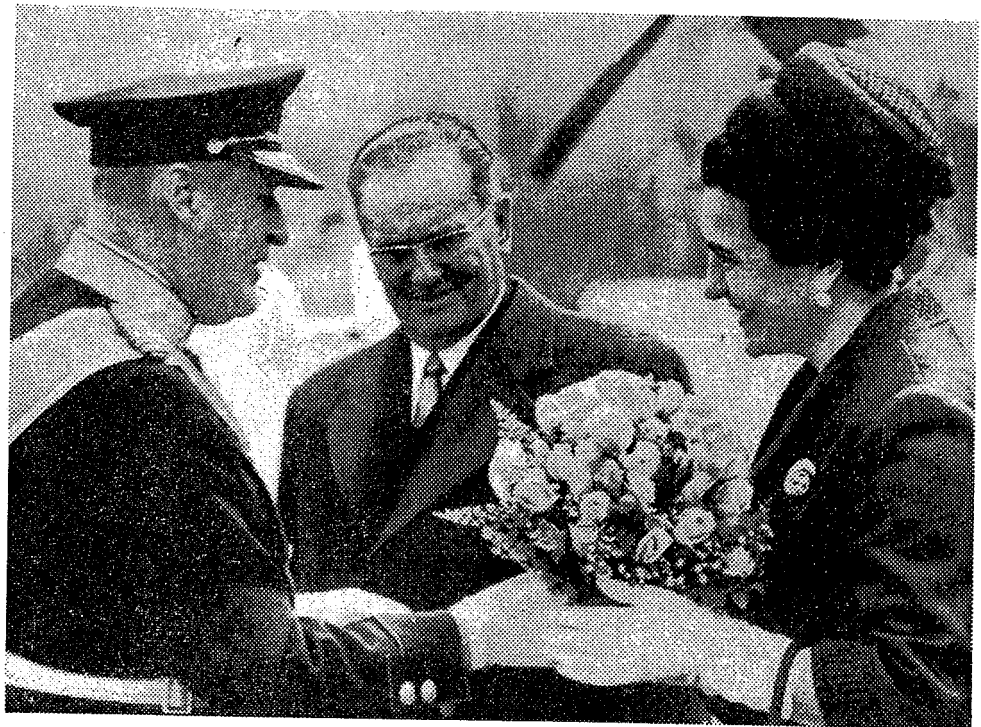
Cites Air Raids

Though he did not name the United States, he cited "constant air raids over a sovereign country, the Democratic Republic of [North] Vietnam," "interference in the internal affairs of Asian and African countries" and "military intervention in the Caribbean" as examples of "aggressive acts by reactionary forces."

One diplomat said Marshal Tito had neglected to mention that Hitler's plan for Nazi aggression included the 1939 non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union, under which Hitler and Stalin dismembered Poland.

The Americans were also irritated by the speech of Koca Popovic, former Foreign Minister, who addressed a special Parliamentary session yesterday commemorating victory in Europe.

Mr. Popovic, now a member of Parliament, paid special tribute to the efforts of the Soviet Union in conquering the Axis powers, but he found no words



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ROYAL WELCOME: King Olav V of Norway presents Mrs. Tito with a bouquet as she and President Tito of Yugoslavia arrive at airport in Oslo for a four-day state visit.

of praise for either the American or British war contributions.

Twenty years ago the Yugoslav leadership did not stint its appreciation of the Western Allied war effort. On May 9, 1945, Marshal Tito said over the Belgrade radio that the victory was due "first and foremost" to the Soviet Union, Britain and the United States.

President Tito flew to Oslo, Norway, today for a state visit as a guest of King Olav V and the Norwegian Government.

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