

In connection with recent approaches of K.Y. we propose to send the following letter to the Editor of The New York Times or eventually of some other paper:

To

The Editor of The New York Times

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Dear Sir,

I am a Soviet citizen and I beg you to publish this letter. For obvious reasons which you will see from its content I can't sign it with my own name. I am writing it under direct impact of your article on "Moscow's Revamping Science Research" in your issue of May 18, 1963 which after many other similar articles I have read, forces me to send you my letter. I only want you to say that the recent reorganization of Academies of Sciences in the Soviet Union is not motivated by purely organizational factors but is being implemented for explicitly political purpose.

This is just one of the consecutive moves since 22nd Congress of the CPSU aimed to restrict the rights, and decrease the national potential of the non-Russian Soviet Republics and to subject their peoples to an all-out Russification. The Soviet Government /for whom I have to work/ attacks very often Western Powers for colonialism and imperialism in regards to young underdeveloped nations. Very much about it can be also read in Western press. But I wonder why some people say nothing about the fact that in the Soviet Union many ~~old~~ nations like Baltic nationalities, Ukrainians, Georgians and other non-Russians are subjected to an extreme kind of Soviet imperialism. The announced by M.V. KELDYSH reorganization of Academies of Sciences is a hard direct blow to scientific potential of non-Russian Republics as it means taking out the best brains out of these republics and transferring them to Moscow-centre. Even till now, as it happened with many scholars from the Ukraine, Turkestan and other republics, there had been a continuous pumping out of intellectual power for Moscow, and thus, for instance, the famous Kharkov school of ^Mathematics was practically wholly transformed to the capital of the Soviet Union.

Now this process will be done in an official and open manner and the best brains will be transferred to Moscow within the "reorganization". My heart is bleeding when I see my own country and those of my neighbors - contrary to the Soviet Constitution and official Declarations - oppressed, russified and put into position of Tsarist provinces. Please let your people know there is not even a shadow of self-determination for Soviet peoples and it has been a long time since the true internationalism and friendship of peoples has been substituted with extreme chauvinism of a Great Russian Bureaucrat against whom still in early 1920's warned Lenin.

P.S. As you see I cannot sign my letter with my name but I "sign" it for you with a "cross" in blue chalk on the fundament-edge of the corner of Park Avenue and West 75th Street. Please, don't print my "P.S.". Thank you very much.

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