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ZHUKOV TAKES THE SALUTE.

In Moscow's Red Square, outside the towering Kremlin Walls, Marshal Zhukov arrives to take the salute at the traditional parade on the anniversary of the 1917 revolution. As the moment for the big march past arrives, one thing is missing - the usual turn-out of Western diplomats; most of them have boycotted Russia's national day, in protest against the crushing of Hungary's bid for freedom. Of all the NATO countries, only Denmark and Iceland's envoys are here to watch the display of Russia's armed might.

Zhukov answers Western disapproval by a counter-attack - he calls on the United Nations to throw Britain, France and Israel out of Egypt, and to give active support to the Arab cause. Soviet armed forces, he declares, are ready to take part in such a task. And if the Nations will not take military action, there are dark hints that Russia may find a way of doing it herself without openly going to war - namely by allowing "volunteers" to enlist at the Egyptian Embassy in Moscow.

"Hands off Egypt" say banners carried by the marching thousands - a slogan which might be more convincing if it did not come from a country with Hungarian blood on its hands; a country which has always claimed to be an enemy of imperialism, but which by its action in Hungary has alienated even its former Communist friends.