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CAIRO, May 1—Egypt's press and Government spokesmen have taken the discovery of a Communist-led plot against the military regime as a cue for a campaign of denunciation of both Soviet and Western "imperialism."

Leaders of the military junta and editors of the controlled press seem to be insisting that hostility to Western objectives in this area does not imply softness toward communism, either domestic or international.

The keynote of this "plague on both your houses" attitude was sounded two days ago by Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdul Nasser, Premier and central figure of the military revolutionary movement. Speaking to an audience of union members, he denounced attempts by Communists "to deceive us under the guise of freedom and democracy."

A spokesman for the Revolution Command Council said today that Leftist cavalry officers and civilians arrested three days ago had planned a campaign of terrorism, including bomb attacks on Army headquarters, military police barracks and Colonel Nasser's home.

Today three major newspapers, including the semi-official Al Gomhouria, printed editorials critical of Communism and Soviet policy. Some observers speculated that this was part of an effort to keep the door open for cooperation with the West, at the same time that Government spokesmen and editorial writers are openly hostile to the United States for support of Britain over the Suez Canal and support of Israel.

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