

Let the rally

KUALA LUMPUR, (P) Sat. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed hope that yesterday's massive rally against the Soviets would serve as a notice to any foreign power harbouring evil intentions against Malaysia.

"They should take note of the fact that Malaysians will fight to their last drop of blood in defending the honour and sovereignty of the country," he said.

The Prime Minister was speaking to reporters after a Barisan Nasional delegation, led by Umno Youth leader Anwar Ibrahim, received him at the TUDM base in Sungai Besi on his return from Kota Baharu this evening.

He said he was proud the youth wings of the Barisan Nasional component partners — the Umno, MCA, MIC and Gerakan — had pledged their full support for the Government in facing the nation's threats.

"It is vital that we know that such an attitude prevails, particularly in the light of the country's experience with subversion.....where millions of

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ringgit had been spent to fight the enemy. If they (the insurgents) are given aid from foreign powers, then the nation's security may be jeopardised," he said.

(The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Kapitsa had said in Singapore last week that his country might aid insurgents in Asean countries if the latter continued to support the coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.)

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the display of support by the youths yesterday would give the Government confidence in facing the communist threat.

"For this reason, I welcome the support given by the youth wings," he said.

He said every Malaysian should be made aware of the dangers posed to the nation as this would help galvanise

them in fighting the enemies.

He added that what was important was unity among the races in facing any challenge.

"We should also learn to sink whatever petty differences we may have and unite in facing the common enemy," he said.

Earlier, Encik Anwar briefed Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir on the youth wings' activities, including the rally yesterday and the sending of a protest note to the Soviet Ambassador this morning.

Also present at the meeting were MCA Youth leader Datuk Lee Kim Sai, MIC Youth chief M. Muthupalaniapan, Deputy Information Minister Puan Rahmah Othman, Selangor Executive Councillor Fahmi Ibrahim and Umno labour and law bureau chief Nazri Tan Sri Aziz.