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## MULTILATERAL MEETINGS

### AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION, FOR ARAB PEOPLES' ANTI-IMPERIALIST UNITY

Representatives of the Communist and Workers' parties of Arab countries held a meeting last September.

The meeting discussed the situation in Arab countries and the current tasks of the Arab liberation movement. It devoted much attention to the situation in the Middle East, where Israel persists in its imperialist aggression against Arab states. Following is a summary of the final declaration of the meeting and of other records published in *Al Nida*, October 5, 1973.

The Arab peoples' national liberation movement is fighting against world imperialism, Zionism and reaction. This fight is directed primarily against Israel's aggression and expansionist aspirations. It is aimed at freeing the occupied Arab territories and restoring the legitimate rights of the Arab people of Palestine. It is a fight for political independence, against reaction, for complete economic emancipation. It is directed against imperialist monopolies, military bases, hostile propaganda and ideological subversion. For all the difficulties attending this fight, most Arab countries have in late years registered important progressive gains.

A substantial part of the Arabs' oil resources was freed from monopoly domination in Iraq, Algeria, Syria and Libya. Important steps were taken to promote economic relations with the Soviet Union and other members of the socialist community so as to set up an independent national economy in which the state sector would play the leading role. This expressed itself in the construction of the Aswan Dam and a hydroelectric station in Egypt, the Euphrates hydropower project in Syria and oil-drilling facilities in Iraq, as well as numerous other industrial, agricultural and scientific projects. The agrarian reform in Algeria, Syria, Iraq and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen was carried forward.

The struggle for economic and social progress necessitates coordinated action by all classes and social strata that want to achieve this goal, and a durable alliance of the workers, peasants, revolutionary intellectuals, petty bourgeoisie and other population groups being plundered by imperialist monopolies and domestic capitalism.

The declaration deals with the evolution of political democracy in Arab countries. In recent years a number of Communist and

national patriotic parties were enabled to operate legally. Progressive national fronts were established in Syria and Iraq. In Lebanon, progressive parties and organizations cooperate ever more closely in defense of democracy, the interests of the masses and the Palestinian resistance movement. In the PDRY there is cooperation between national democratic forces. In a number of Arab countries the Communist parties are participating in government and cooperate on a growing scale with other progressive parties and forces on the basis of common objectives. This phenomenon is indicative, among other things, of a qualitative change in the position of progressive patriotic and national forces and shows that they realize the dangerous character of anti-Communist slogans.

The Arab liberation movement attaches tremendous importance to cooperation between the Arab countries which have won their freedom and the Soviet Union. This is exemplified by the Soviet-Iraqi and Soviet-Egyptian treaties of friendship and cooperation, which are a reflection of the close interconnection of the national liberation movement and world socialism. Arab-Soviet friendship and cooperation are a major gain for the Arab peoples' liberation struggle and an earnest of its continued progress. No social force in the Arab countries can renounce or depart from this alliance without taking a step to the right, towards reaction.

The declaration next stresses the importance of the Palestinian resistance movement as an active contingent of the Arab and world liberation movement, a contingent representing the Arab people of Palestine and battling for their right to repatriation and self-determination on their native soil.

Favorable changes in the Arab liberation movements are fiercely resisted by imperialism, Zionism and reaction. This finds expression in the continuing and growing Israeli aggression aimed at further expansion at the expense of Arab territories, and at doing away with social and political gains in progressive Arab countries. As a result of imperialist, Zionist and reactionary intrigues, Rightist trends and currents are gaining ground in some Arab countries. One of the imperialists' most dangerous devices is to provoke internal strife among national forces while at the same time trying to spread anti-communism and anti-Sovietism.

The declaration devotes special attention to the present international situation and the world Communist movement. It notes that the turn now taking place towards affirming the principles of peaceful coexistence in the world and the growing anti-imperialist struggle are due to the increased might of the socialist camp, in whose vanguard is the Soviet Union, to its economic, scientific and cultural achievements, as well as to the intensification of the working-class and national liberation movement throughout the

world. International détente is creating more favorable conditions for the peoples' struggle for independence and for the developing countries' advance in carrying out progressive political, social and economic reforms.

The Communist parties of Arab countries give credit to the conference of non-aligned countries held in Algiers early last September for its general anti-imperialist content and results and its unanimous condemnation of Israeli aggression.

The declaration stresses the great significance of the forthcoming World Congress of Peace Forces in Moscow and calls on all national patriotic forces and leaders in Arab countries to identify themselves with the congress and support it.

The declaration emphatically condemns the Chinese leaders' position, which is hostile to the Arab peoples. The Chinese leaders have taken an ambiguous stand on solidarity with the Palestinian resistance movement. China refused to support the UN resolution condemning Israel and adhered thereby to the U.S. position. The Chinese leadership does not support the struggle of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen against the conspiracies and aggressive plots of foreign reaction.

The policy of splitting Communist parties and the anti-Soviet policy to which the Chinese leadership is committed and which translates itself into urging developing countries to dissociate from the Soviet Union, their loyal ally and the defender of their independence, and propaganda of the thesis that the world is divided into "big and small" and "rich and poor" states serve imperialist forces and greatly prejudice the national liberation movement and the world revolutionary movement as a whole.

The peoples of the developing countries fighting for their political and economic liberation emphatically reject the subversive Chinese line. They build up and expand their political, economic and cultural relations with the Soviet Union and other members of the socialist community. Closer friendship, cooperation and alliance between these peoples and the Soviet Union is the best reply to the Chinese leadership's subversion against the Soviet Union and the world liberation movement as a whole.

The meeting formulated a number of pressing tasks for the Arab liberation movement at the stage of national democratic revolution. The Communist and Workers' parties are resolved in common with all the patriotic and progressive forces of Arab countries to fight against Israeli aggression and resist imperialist and reactionary plots, which are directed primarily against progressive Arab regimes.

The Communists of Arab countries declare for establishing national fronts of progressive forces in individual Arab countries

and on an all-Arab scale, for achieving democracy, the consolidation of progressive Arab regimes and Arab unity on explicitly anti-imperialist and progressive lines.

The Communist and Workers' parties of Arab countries consider it their duty continuously to promote in cooperation with other fraternal parties the cohesion and unity of the world Communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, to strengthen the alliance of the national liberation movement with the countries of the socialist community and with other progressive forces of the world and to fight with determination against Maoism and the Peking leadership's subversive activity.

The meeting signified the Arab peoples' fraternal solidarity with the Chilean people in view of the campaign of terror and mass murder which the fascist junta has launched against that country's national and revolutionary parties and working class. The declaration demands an end to terror and repression against Chile's democrats and progressives. Arab Communists declare for their part in defense of Luis Corvalan, General Secretary of the CC, Communist Party of Chile.

The meeting adopted a message to L. I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC CPSU, reading as follows:

"On behalf of all Arab Communists and their friends and supporters, the meeting of representatives of the Communist and Workers' parties of Arab countries wholeheartedly hails the selfless and sincere efforts which you as head of the CC CPSU make towards carrying out the Peace Program approved by the 24th Congress of the CPSU. We think highly of your initiatives and the results of your visits to the USA, FRG and France, which intensified the process of détente in the world as a whole and between countries with different social systems. This affords more favorable opportunities for the worldwide and Arab national liberation movement and constitutes a noteworthy success of the cause of peaceful co-existence of countries with different social systems in accordance with the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

"The participants in the meeting have a high opinion of your firmness in supporting the Arab peoples' fight against Israeli aggression and for the elimination of its effects, in the matter of solidarity with all the peoples fighting for their liberation and for social progress, including the Arab people of Palestine fighting to restore their legitimate national rights.

"We take this occasion to congratulate you heartily on the Lenin Peace Prize awarded to you in recognition of your persevering struggle to promote world peace.

"We wish you good health, a long life and fruitful work for the good of mankind and our common cause — establishing durable peace and building communism."

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## CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF COMMUNIST PARTIES OF CAPITALIST EUROPE

Following are records of the meeting held by Communist Party representatives from European capitalist countries in Stockholm, September 27-28, 1973.

### COMMUNIQUE

On September 27-28, 1973, representatives of the Communist Parties of Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, German Communist Party, Communist Parties of Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Left Party—Communists of Sweden, Swiss Party of Labor and Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin held a consultative meeting in Stockholm. They decided to call a conference of the Communist Parties of European capitalist countries. The Portuguese Communist Party and the Communist Party of Turkey will make known their decision on the matter as soon as possible. The conference will meet in January 1974 and its agenda will be:

"The present crisis of capitalism in Europe, the action of the Communist Parties for social progress, democracy, national independence, peace and socialism and their struggle for the unity of the working class and democratic forces."

The venue of the conference will be specified shortly.

It was also decided to hold several colloquiums and meetings on the following themes: (1) The Monetary Crisis, (2) The New Content and Forms of Working-Class and Popular Struggle, (3) Migrant Workers, and (4) The Situation of Intellectuals in European Capitalist Society Today and Cultural Freedom.

The Communist Party of the Netherlands was represented by an observer.

The consultative meeting unanimously adopted a resolution of solidarity with Chile's working people and democrats fighting against the fascist military junta, a message of support to the 75,000 workers of the multinational Michelin company on strike in France, Britain, Ireland, Spain and Italy, and an appeal for solidarity with Marcelino Camacho and other Spanish working-class leaders who are still awaiting trial. Stockholm, September 28, 1973.

## RESOLUTION OF SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN PEOPLE

The representatives of the Communist Parties of European capitalist countries who attended the Stockholm consultative meeting fully identify themselves with the workers, peasants, intellectuals and other working people of Chile fighting against the military junta's brutal dictatorship.

Three years ago Chile's Popular Unity government adopted important social measures and effected great revolutionary changes: a land reform, nationalization of copper and other national resources and the big monopolies. The Popular Unity government planned as it extended its gains to lead the country to socialism without civil war, through ever more active and extensive democratic participation in government by the Chilean masses.

Seeing that their class interests were threatened, reactionary forces backed by U.S. imperialism, which was represented by the CIA and multinational companies such as the ITT and Kennecott, began to step up economic subversion and political provocation. Thereupon they organized a military fascist coup against the constitutional government under President Salvador Allende and assassinated him. Today they are establishing in Chile a reign of fire and sword, torture and denunciation, execution and terror.

The representatives of the Communist Parties of European capitalist countries hail the Communists, Socialists, Radicals, Catholics and all Chilean democrats who have united to fight against the attempt to impose a fascist regime on Chile, for the restoration of the people's sovereign rights and in defense of its gains.

They assure the fraternal Communist Party of Chile, other democratic organizations and the whole Chilean people of their most active solidarity with their struggle. They renew the pledge of their Parties to achieve the widest participation in this solidarity in their respective countries and to fight for the international isolation of the fascist junta.

They declare their readiness to support every initiative in favor of unity likely to make for more active national and international solidarity.

The people of Chile will triumph over its enemies, re-establish democracy and once again become master of its destiny. We are and remain for ever on its side in this struggle.

## RESOLUTION ON THE COMING TRIAL OF CAMACHO

The Communist Parties of European capitalist countries represented at the Stockholm consultative meeting on September 27-28 direct this message to the working people and democratic forces