

WE SHALL STRUGGLE FOR PREVENTING THE RENEWAL OF BATTLES, FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE !

DOWN WITH THE POLICY OF WAR AND ANNEXATIONS !

Statement of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel on the Occasion of the 4th Anniversary of the June War

To the Toiling Masses, the young workers and students, to all champions of peace in Israel !

On June 5, 1971 it will be 4 years since the "six-day" war.

The war has not brought the desired security, but has aggravated the situation. Peace with the Arab countries is far removed from us in consequence of the Government's demands for territorial annexations and in consequence of the American rulers' intrigues in our region.

The danger of a renewal of the war still menaces the Israeli people and the Arab peoples. This danger is becoming the more real the longer the implementation of the Security Council Resolution of November 1967 is deferred .

The military expenditures of 4 years of war have caused the lowering of the workers' real wages, of the living standard of the popular masses, have caused malignant poverty. Prices are incessantly rising, and in order to defray the enormous military expenditures, new taxes are imposed without letup. The profits of big capital - foreign and domestic - are flourishing. State debts are ever mounting. The loop of political, economic and military enslavement is being tightened around Israel's neck by American imperialism and the foreign monopolies. The cruel oppression in the occupied areas imposes its horrid impact on the whole public life in Israel. The administrative detentions and restriction orders against partisans of peace, and particularly those among the Arab population in Israel, are ever growing. The police use their bludgeons against the inhabitants of the slums and poor quarters. The youth fall in despair and become victims of drugs. Fascist gangs are emerging, which menace anyone among the people having a sound mind .

We call upon all champions of peace in Israel to act jointly and persistently as long as there is still time, in order to put an end to the Government's adventurist and disastrous policy; in order to make Israel give a positive reply to the peace proposals of the UNO envoy Dr Gunnar Jarring, of the UAR President, Anwar Sadat; for implementing the Security Council Resolution of November 22, 1967 in all its parts.

Citizens of Israel ! The policy of force has failed. It has not succeeded to overthrow the anti-imperialist regimes in the Arab countries, has not subdued the Arab countries, but has shaken the security of Israel itself. The G. Meir Government has not learned the lesson and is continuing its adventurist policy. The latest declaration of the Prime Minister, G. Meir, subsequent to the conclusion of the Pact of Friendship and Collaboration between the Soviet Union and the UAR, that "we have failed in our appraisal of President Sadat", again testifies to the detachment of the governmental policy from international and mid-eastern reality, from the real balance-of-forces in the world.

The truth is that the Government has failed in its exaggerated appraisal of the sabotage potentialities of the American Administration by means of Rogers' recent tour. But now too the Government has not learned the lesson. Its ministers have nothing to say apart from asking the USA for more destructive weapons - this is the prognosis of a most destructive war.

The governmental policy has not only failed with reference to "appraising Sadat", or appraising the consequences of bombing-in-depth of Egypt. This is the total failure of the policy of reliance on the aggressive plans of American imperialism in our region. This is the failure of the policy of integration into those plans and of the preparedness to serve them at the expense of the Israeli people, its bread, its blood and its future.

The Israeli's Government failures stem from their political blindness, from their inability to correctly assess the international and regional relation of forces, from their unwillingness to draw the correct conclusions from the failure of the American aggression

against the peoples of south-east Asia and from the failure of the main objective of the June war: the overthrow of the anti-imperialist regimes in the Arab countries.

The Israeli Government's and its supporters' employment of the rusty weapon of anti-Soviet incitement for diverting opinion from its failing policy, does not at all alter the real state of affairs, the real relation of forces. The Government's policy of war and annexations has still more isolated Israel, is intensifying hostility against it in its own neighbourhood and is burning the bridges to the forces of peace and peoples' independence, headed by the Soviet Union.

The entire development since the June war proves that the real choice is between annexation and peace, between the resumption of war, which is now understood by all as inflicting disaster on both sides, and the full implementation of the Security Council Resolution.

Since last August, for 10 months now, the cease-fire has continued at the fronts. The UAR and other Arab countries have officially and explicitly expressed their readiness to fully implement the Security Council Resolution and to conclude a peace agreement with the State of Israel.

The continuation of the adventurist policy of the G. Meir Government will not bring to freezing the situation, will not force the Arab countries into renouncing their sovereignty and their lands, but it is liable to bring to the resumption of battle. We warn against the peril of renewing and expanding the war. For Israel's peace and security we demand to terminate the policy of sabotaging peace.

The American support to the adventurist policy of the Israeli Government is nothing but imperialist speculation at the expense of the destinies of Israel and of peace. The US rulers try in this manner to squeeze political concessions from the Arab countries. The recent failure of Rogers' intrigues - the Friendship Pact between the Soviet Union and the UAR, which has historic importance - ought to open the eyes of all those who had thought about squeezing territorial

annexations from the Arab countries with the aid of American "Phantoms".

We appeal to all partisans of peace, to all persons in Israel possessing any political sense, to struggle jointly and to intensify the struggle for preventing a renewal of war, for the full implementation of the Security Council Resolution, for peace without annexations, for a just and lasting peace.

The toilers, who are compelled to struggle daily in defence of their wages and their living standard, are not interested in the renewal of war.

The inhabitants of the slums, who are struggling against poverty and discrimination, are not interested in the renewal of war.

The youth, the direct victim of war, are not interested in the renewal of war.

The Arab population, which suffers national oppression, is not interested in the renewal of war.

The working and creative intellectuals are not interested in the renewal of war.

We demand:

Peace without annexations !

The Government must lend a hand to the full implementation of the Security Council Resolution!

The anti-Soviet incitement must cease !

Against rising prices and heavy taxes - for raising wages and living standard!

Less for "Phantoms" - more for toilers and slum dwellers !

Stop the police attacks on struggles of the inhabitants of the slums and poor quarters !

Abolish administrative detentions and restriction orders !

Let us prevent the renewal of war ! Let us do everything for the establishment of a just and lasting peace !