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XXVth CPSU CONGRESS

Soviet people, our foreign friends, all those to whom are dear the interests of peace and social progress consider the XXVth CPSU Congress an event of great historical significance. The impressive Report delivered by L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU CC, speeches of delegates and foreign guests, all eight days of intense creative work of the Party Congress evoked deep interest throughout our country. Attention of the whole planet was attracted to the highest forum of Soviet Communists.

All necessary conditions for all-sided and operative information about the work of the Congress were created for representatives of the press TV and radio at the press-centre of the XXVth CPSU Congress. 123 delegations of Communist, Workers', National-Democratic and other parties and organisations from 109 countries were present at the Congress. Every day meetings of the press with foreign guests of the Congress, with delegates of Communists from different parts of our immense country were held at the press-centre.

During the days of work of the Congress L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU CC, Members and Alternate Members of the Politbureau of the CPSU CC, Secretaries of the CPSU CC, First Secretaries of Central Committees of Communist Parties of Soviet Republics, other members of the Presidium of the XXVth CPSU Congress, First Secretaries of Regional and District Committees of the CPSU visited the Mausoleum of Vladimir Ilych Lenin, the founder of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, leader of the world Communist movement, founder of the first in the world Socialist state, and laid a wreath.

A spirit of comradely unity, mutual understanding, together with business-like attitude, self-criticism and high exactness which has been ascertained in the everyday life of the Party, was vividly expressed in the work of the Congress.

The Congress unanimously adopted the Report of the CPSU Central Committee, approved the future tasks of the Party in home and foreign policy, and unanimously approved the Guidelines for the Economic and Social Development of the USSR for 1961-1985 and the Period Ending in 1990.

The concluding session of the Congress. It had been a vivid demonstration of monolyte unity of the Leninist Party and people. The first Plenary Meeting of the CPSU CC elected leading bodies of the Party. L.I. Brezhnev was unanimously re-elected General Secretary of the CPSU CC.



The floor is given to L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU CC. (SOF)"Comrades, the newly elected Members of the CPSU Central Committee, Alternate Members of the Central Committee and Members of the Central Auditing Commission authorized me to express cordial gratitude to the Congress delegates for the great trust placed in us. We greatly appreciate this trust, are very conscious of all the responsibility we bear, and assure you that we will do everything in our power to ensure that the historic tasks posed by the Congress will be carried out successfully. We see in this our duty to the Party and to the people." L.I. Brezhnev went on to say that we intend to concentrate all our efforts on two interconnected directions. One of them is building of Communism, the other is the strengthening of peace. This was precisely the mandate given by the Communists and the entire Soviet people to delegates of Party Conferences. Speaking of the adopted by the Congress principal and concrete directives for the future, L.I. Brezhnev stressed that our efforts will be concentrated upon their fulfillment. In his speech L.I. Brezhnev addressed participants of the pre-Congress emulation drive with words of deep gratitude for their high patriotism for the expression of the unity, of the aspirations, goals and deeds of the Party and the entire people. The foreign policy program of the Soviet Union, stated L.I. Brezhnev, is a program of continuing and expanding detente, a program of struggle for ending the arms race. L.I. Brezhnev continued:(SOF)"Comrades, the greatest number of delegations from Communist, Workers' and other revolutionary Parties in the entire history of the CPSU is attending the Congress. The speeches by our comrades in struggle here, at the Congress, and at meetings in Moscow and other cities further strengthened our faith in the invincibility of social progress, and in the inevitability of the revolutionary transformation of the world. We are deeply grateful for the kind words expressed here about our Party and about our country. You can be assured, dear comrades, that the Soviet Communists, true to Lenin's behests, will continue to follow steadily the tested international course of our Party." Expressing firm confidence that our highest aim - the building of a Communist society - will be reached, L.I. Brezhnev in conclusion said:(SOF)"May the unity of socialist community, of all revolutionary forces of the entire planet continue to strengthen! Glory to our Leninist Party! Long live the great Soviet people! Long Live peace! Long live Communism!"

The XXVth CPSU Congress convincingly confirmed that the CPSU is confidently continuing the cause of Great October, is worthily fulfilling the role of a political leader of the Soviet people, is successfully bringing to life the immortal ideas of Lenin.