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FOR PEACE AND SECURITY OF PEOPLES

There are events in the history of mankind which will remain in the hearts of people for years. By request of the delegates at the Congress, L.I.Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, Laureate of the International Lenin Prize "For Strengthening Peace Among Peoples", delivered a lengthy speech. Greeting the participants of the Congress on behalf of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and all the Soviet people, L.I.Brezhnev said: "The history of the public peace movement abounds in inspiring examples, but I would like to concur with the opinion already voiced here, that there has never yet been an international forum on such a scale, nor an assembly so representative as the World Congress of Peace Forces." In his speech which the delegates listened with the utmost attention, the General Secretary of the CPSU gave a deep Marxist-Leninist analysis of the present international situation, characterised the peaceful policy of the CPSU and the Soviet Government, which is aimed towards the realization of the program of peace set by the XXIVth Congress of our Party. Speaking of the concrete directions on the way towards peace, L.I.Brezhnev stressed: "We are deeply convinced that the vital tasks now holding top priority in the struggle to consolidate peace can be realized by joint effort. First and foremost, this means co-operation in settling the still existing armed conflicts on a fair basis. This means creating a system of collective security in Europe, and then also in Asia, which would enable us gradually to eliminate the present division of the world into politico-military blocs. This means ending the race of nuclear and other armaments through honest observance by the states of freely accepted commitments and - this is especially topic - involvement of all major countries in this process. This would lay the foundations for a gradual reduction of the material basis for a military confrontation. This means the development of economic, scientific, technical and cultural co-operation based on complete equality, mutual advantage, without any discrimination and without attempts at interference in each other's internal affairs." L.I.Brezhnev assured the fighters for peace that in their activities they would have the keenest and most effective support of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Soviet Government, of all Soviet people. "Esteemed participants of the Congress, allow me, in conclusion, to wish you every success in your fruitful joint effort that will, I am sure, evoke a response in the hearts of people on all continents of the globe."

DURING THE DAYS OF THE CONGRESS

Numerous meetings of muscovites with the participants of the peace forum were held during the work of the Congress. At a meeting of solidarity with the struggle of Arab peoples at the House of Culture of the Institute of Atomic Energy, all the speakers stressed that the Soviet people would always be on the side of those who are fighting for the independence of their country. A representative of youth Taisir Kuba said that in their struggle the Arab people are supported by all the progressive forces of the world and first of all by the Soviet Union.



Workers of the famous Trekhgorka Textile Mill heartily greeted their guests - the delegation from fraternal Bulgaria, led by Tsoia Dragoi-cheva, Laureate of the International Lenin Prize "For Strengthening Peace Among Peoples". This meeting is another evidence of the sincere and insoluble friendship of peoples. The workers of the mill presented the delegates from Bulgaria a portrait of great Lenin which was woven at the mill.

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An International Photo Exhibition was mounted during the work of the Congress at the House of Friendship with Foreign Peoples. Masters of art and documentary photography from over 40 nations took part in the exhibition. A large place at the exhibition was allotted to documentary photo-evidence of the outstanding activity of L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC of the CPSU, towards strengthening peace among peoples. The exhibition was a great success among the muscovites and guests of Moscow.

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A delegate of the Congress Hortensia Bussi de Allende, widow of the President of Chile, who was killed by the reactionary militarists, spoke at the International Press Centre. Grief did not break this brave woman. Having been a witness of the tragic events of the Chilean people she spoke of the violence of reaction in her country. Hortensia Allende said that the resistance of Chilean people to the fascist regime of the junta is growing stronger each day.

#### UNANIMITY, SOLIDARITY

The World Congress of Peace Forces which gathered over three thousand delegates, people of good will from all five continents, worked in Moscow for 7 days. 900 delegates, representatives of 1100 political parties, national organisations and movements, people of different views and convictions, had spoken at the plenary meetings and at the 14 committees. The 31st of October. The concluding meeting. Sean MacBride, Chairman of the Leading Committee of the Congress, read the "Address of the World Congress of Peace Forces" which was unanimously adopted by the delegates. A statement about the realization of the resolutions of the Security Council of the UN for Middle East was adopted with approval. Zimyanin, Chairman of the Soviet Committee for the World Congress of Peace Forces, voiced the communique "For International Security and Disarmament, for National Independence, Cooperation and Peace", which had been prepared by the Committees and approved by the Congress. Romesh Chandra, President of the Congress, in his concluding speech stated that the Congress in Moscow may with full reason be called a Congress of Unity, a Congress of people of the same views, of people who have one common and honourable aim - the happiness of all mankind. "We, the people of our land, can win, we will win. To this we aim, to this we pledge". The Congress worked out a principal platform of action of the Peace Forces for international security, disarmament, national independence, cooperation and peace.

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### FOR PEACE ON EARTH

All thoughts, all the attention of the peoples of good will, of all those who cherish peace on earth, are drawn to Moscow. Over 3,200 delegates from 144 nations arrived in Moscow to the World Congress of Peace-loving Forces. They represent over 1,100 political parties, national organisations and movements. They represent millions of people of different views and convictions who are united by the idea of everlasting ~~peace~~ and inviolable peace on our Planet. Opening the Congress, Shon MacBride, Vice Chairman of the International Preparatory Committee, a prominent social worker, moved that Romesh Chandra, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee and General Secretary of the World Peace Council, be appointed President of the Congress. Expressing his gratitude for the high honour of presiding at the Congress, Romesh Chandra greeted the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Soviet Government and all the Soviet people for the initiative they had shown for the cause of the defence of peace and justice in the whole world. - We may consider this congress as the first General Assembly of the peoples of the World, - said Romesh Chandra. A Congress of this kind could have been called only at this period, when a new climate has set in in the international situation, which is characterised by victories in the cause of peace, the discharge of intensity and peaceful co-existence. Per procuracionem of the Preparatory Committee Shon MacBride announced that numerous greetings to the Congress had been received from the heads of states and governments and also from leaders of international and national organisations which have devoted their activity to the fight for peace. The World Congress of Peace-loving Forces in Moscow is an important event in the history of the World Peace Movement.

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