

SESSION OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET

The fifth session of the USSR Supreme Soviet of the tenth convocation was held in the Grand Kremlin Palace. Leaders of the Communist Party and the Soviet Government are in the Presidium. Deputy Rubenis, Chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities, presiding at the session, gave the floor on the first item of the Agenda: "The Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to Parliaments and Peoples of the World" to L.I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU CC, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet. (SOP) "Dear Comrades Deputies! The 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union had stated that today the state of affairs requires new, additional efforts to remove the threat of war, to improve international security. There is no more significant task for the international plan of our Party, than to safeguard peace for our people and, for that matter, for all the peoples of the world." Having characterized the seriousness of the international situation, L.I. Brezhnev stated that it is necessary to do everything to bar the way to bellicose-minded militarists, to secure the right of the people to life. L.I. Brezhnev read the draft of the "Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to Parliaments and Peoples of the World", which contains the call to legislative bodies of all countries to use their high authority and the potentialities of Parliaments for curbing the arms race. (SOP) "The Supreme Soviet of the USSR hopes that its Appeal will be studied with all attention deserved by the most important, most pressing issue of our time. On its part, the USSR Supreme Soviet will continue its efforts towards creation of an atmosphere which will promote positive results through negotiations. Peace is a mutual possession of Mankind, and in our time it is also a paramount condition for the existence of Mankind. It is only through joint efforts that peace can and must be maintained and reliably safeguarded."

Scherbitsky, Member of the Politbureau of the CPSU CC, First Secretary of the Communist Party of Ukraine Central Committee, Chazov, Director-General of the All-Union Cardio-Vascular Research Centre, Samoletova, a worker of the Leningrad "Bolshevichka" enterprise, and other deputies wholeheartedly approved this document of global significance which states that safeguarding peace has been, is and will be the supreme aim of the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. The Session unanimously adopted the "Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to Parliaments and Peoples of the World".

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