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GREAT SUCCESS OF THE MEETING

Since the 1957 Moscow Meeting of the Communist and Workers' Parties, many momentous changes have taken place in the world situation and the international communist movement.

The socialist camp has grown tremendously powerful in every respect and the world socialist system is becoming a factor exerting decisive influence on the development of human society. The national-liberation movement has been rising in Asia, Africa and Latin America, many more countries have gained their national independence and the colonial system of imperialism has been rapidly disintegrating and heading for its collapse. The struggle for democracy and socialism in the capitalist countries has been intensively developing. The peace-loving peoples of the world have been strengthening their unity and have dealt powerful blows at the policy of aggression and war of the bellicose imperialists headed by U.S. imperialism. The general crisis of capitalism has entered a new stage and world imperialism is going through a process of irremediable decay. In the international arena the superiority of the forces of socialism over those of imperialism, of the forces of peace over those of war, is becoming ever more marked.

This evolution over the past three years has eloquently proved the correctness of the theses pointed out in the 1957 Declaration and Peace Manifesto and at the same time called for an extensive development of the content of these two documents with a view to promoting further the struggle for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism of the peoples of various countries and strengthening more and more the solidarity and single-mindedness of the communist and workers' parties. It was precisely for this purpose that the recent Meeting of representatives of the communist and workers' parties of the world had been convened.

After attending the celebration of the 43rd anniversary of the great Russian October Revolution, the delegation of 81 brother parties met. This was the biggest conference ever held of the international communist movement. After discussions in which a great many views were exchanged, the Meeting unanimously adopted a new statement and an appeal to the peoples of the world, two documents which are the crystallization of the communist and workers' parties' collective wisdom. The success of the Meeting constitutes an *extremely great achievement of the international communist movement*.

The Meeting has shown the single-mindedness of all the participants on the present strategic and tactical tasks of the international communist movement. The new Statement — the main document of the Meeting — has made a profound analysis of the world situation in these last three years, and has put forth

the principal theses regarding the present fundamental international issues, namely the characteristic of our time, the development of the world socialist system, war and peace, the struggle for national liberation, the revolutionary struggle in the capitalist countries, and the further strengthening of the unity of the international communist movement, and accordingly, has drawn the correct line of struggle for the world's communist parties and world's people. The new Statement has developed and further clarified the rich content of the 1957 Declaration. The new Statement radiates the thorough revolutionary spirit of the international working class who is taking the lead in the struggle of the world's people for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism. It is consequently the banner of unity and victory of the whole international communist movement.

The Meeting has further cemented the unity of the socialist camp and among the brother communist parties. In the course of the Meeting, the imperialist press did not cease trumpeting the "failure" of the Moscow Meeting, the split of the international communist movement, alleging that the day when such a state of things is confirmed would be a "grand day" for the imperialists. But they were bitterly disappointed.

In the light of the new Statement, and looking back at the Resolution of our Party's Third National Congress, we realize that the lines, tasks and basic policies of the Vietnamese revolution at this stage, as laid down by the Congress, are fully consistent with the strategic and tactical tasks of the international

communist movement. To develop the great success of the Meeting of Representatives of the Communist and Workers' Parties, we must strive to propagate the new Statement far and wide, in coordination with the continued dissemination of our Congress Resolution, thoroughly imbuing the whole party and people with the correct and revolutionary content of the new Statement, thereby raising their ideological standard, strengthening their solidarity and single-mindedness, stimulating their militancy, actively mobilizing all the national forces to advance forward and win fresh victories in the struggle for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism in our country and the world over.

THE CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR TIME AND THE STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL TASKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The defining of the characteristic of our time constitutes the basis for the communist and workers' parties to elaborate the strategic and tactical tasks of the international communist movement.

The ultimate goal of all the communist and workers' parties is the establishment of socialism and communism all over the world. To reach this goal, in every historical period, we communists, must base ourselves on the principal features of the general situation correctly to work out strategic and tactical tasks. Therefore, the clear defining of the characteristic of our time is of great significance, in relation

to principles and helps the communist and workers' parties to clearly determine and fully realize the trend of the revolutionary struggle in order to go forward and secure victory for socialism and communism.

As regards the characteristic of our time, the new Statement has pointed out that "our time whose main content is the transition from capitalism to socialism initiated by the great October Socialist Revolution, is a time of struggle between the two opposing social systems, a time of socialist revolutions and national-liberation revolutions, a time of the breakdown of imperialism, of abolition of the colonial system, a time of transition of more peoples to the socialist path, of the triumph of socialism and communism on a world-wide scale".

The outstanding feature of the Statement is its profound and comprehensive definition of the characteristic of our time. The Statement has pointed out *the most important and new factors of our time* as follows :

1. Today on account of the fact that socialism has achieved decisive successes within the whole system, the world socialist system is becoming a decisive factor in the development of human society. The socialist system and the revolutionary forces fighting against imperialism, for a socialist transformation of society are determining the main content, main trend and main features of the historical development of society. Whatever efforts imperialism makes, it cannot stop the advance of history. Strong premises have been provided for socialism to continue conquering

decisive victories. The complete triumph of socialism is certain.

2. The colonial system of imperialism is rapidly disintegrating under the impact of the national-liberation movement. The complete collapse of colonialism is unavoidable.

3. The general crisis of capitalism is entering a new stage. Its first stage arose in the First World War when the emergence of the Soviet Union broke through the imperialist system on one-sixth of the world. The second stage appeared with the coming into being of the socialist system. This time, the new stage sets in in the condition of struggle between the two systems, the balance of forces is tipping more and more in favour of socialism, the deep contradictions of imperialism are more and more sharpening, the struggle for peace and peaceful coexistence is developing vigorously and the revolutionary movement for national liberation, democracy and socialism is rising with every passing day.

4. In order to ward off the danger of their destruction, the imperialists headed by U.S. imperialism are pursuing the most reactionary political and economic policies at home and abroad: accelerated development of monopoly capitalism into state-monopoly capitalism, active exploitation and plundering of the working class and the masses of the people, militarization of economy, fascization of the political regime, establishment of aggressive military blocs, intensive rearmament and preparations for war, repression of national-liberation movements, attempts by every means to re-enslave the countries which have just

recovered their independence, etc. The basic policy of the imperialists is the preparation for a new war.

5. For the fact that in the international arena, the balance of forces has changed fundamentally and more and more favourably to socialism, there has arisen a real possibility of averting a world war. Today, world war is no longer a fatal calamity; world war can be staved off, peace can be maintained, and many favourable conditions exist for the struggle for peaceful coexistence between the two systems.

The communists must give due consideration to these new factors correctly to settle the great issues of our time consistently with the interest of peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

In analysing the new factors, the new Statement not only reaffirms the main content of our time as the transition from capitalism to socialism, but also clearly defines the process of evolution and the essence of this transition. In our time the transition from capitalism to socialism is not a spontaneous and accidental phenomenon, nor a regular and normal development but the outcome of the struggle between the two systems, capitalism and socialism, of socialist and national-liberation revolutions, of the overthrow of imperialism and of the liquidation of the colonial system. Thus, *the transition from capitalism to socialism is a process of revolutionary struggle, of class struggle, on a national as well as international scale.* This struggle is taking place in the condition of a very favourable international situation. As pointed out in the Statement, today in the world arena, the superiority of the forces of socialism over those

of imperialism, of the forces of peace over those of war is becoming ever more marked: a real and ever increasing possibility of preventing a new world war, of maintaining and safeguarding a durable peace has arisen.

We must approach and solve the problem of the struggle between the two systems in the light of this new situation.

In the condition of a world divided into two systems, socialism and capitalism, peaceful coexistence is an objective necessity. It is an important form of class struggle between socialism and capitalism in the world.

In the meantime, we must be aware that the aggressive and reactionary nature of imperialism will never change and cannot change though its forces have become and are becoming ever weaker than those of socialism and peace. This is a Marxist-Leninist truth. At present, as pointed out in the Statement, imperialism very much weakened, is not in a position to make its laws prevail in the life of the whole world any longer. In face of the balance of forces increasingly favourable to socialism, national independence, peace and democracy, in face of the ever obvious threat of its destruction, it will not fold its arms, awaiting its downfall, but will frantically seek every means fair or foul, to turn back the wheels of history. It will resort to every possible scheme to undermine the socialist camp, to prevent national-liberation revolutions, to suppress the struggles for democracy and socialism in the capitalist countries and to beat back the movement of the