

APPENDIX 4

Manifesto to the Moroccan people on occasion of the May 17, 1963 election of members to the House of Representatives

PEOPLE OF MOROCCO:

The National Union of Popular Forces has decided to participate in the elections of members of the House of Representatives. Our organization has thus decided to wage a new battle, opening a front in the ranks of the reactionary forces themselves.

Our decision, however, should not lead to confusion. The National Union of Popular Forces, a revolutionary organization, is still a declared enemy of the feudal and personal regime. One of our immediate objectives is to put an end to this regime, which must naturally be replaced by popular institutions elected within the framework of a true and safe democracy.

Only state structures with a popular base will allow us to turn the objectives of our revolution, established by the Congress of May 1962, into economic, social and political reality.

DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS:

We do not refer, therefore, to making a pact with the feudal and backward regime, much less to participation in an unpopular, patriarchal system. To those who feel disposed to preaching a type of national union, our answer is clear: no national unity is possible with a feudal, basically reactionary power that has proved its treachery, its complete lack of principles, convictions, and efficiency. Three years ago this "patriarchal and sanguinary" regime, forgetting that it owes its very existence to the patriotism of the popular masses, patiently and insidiously prepared the game of its colonialist masters.

The latter, concerned over immediate, short-term matters, demand complete loyalty to and compliance with its obligations.

The present constitution, granted and made to order by neocolonialist technical advisors, is the facade of the regime. The FDIC, a creation of the royal palace, composed of notorious traitors, feudal "masters," and venal officials, is intended to guarantee the required "stability." Its spokesman, director of the royal cabinet, and other neocolonial agents, openly show their line: socialist planning would be a mistake; agrarian reform is utopian; nationalization of industry and foreign commerce would be a catastrophic undertaking. According to them, the capitalist path, throwing open our national market to the neocolonial powers is the only "realistic" path to pursue.

It is on such concepts that the regime governing us today would like to establish and perpetuate itself. It has the gall to try to camouflage its schemes and designs, to want to be taken seriously by our brothers in the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, with the intention of setting up the Maghreb of exploitation, that is, neocolonialism.

The ideological line of demarcation is sufficiently clear to preclude any compromise. Those whom we elect, whatever their number, will not be affected by that poor "realism," which would be singular naiveté and playing into the hands of the system.

PATRIOTS:

The reactionary power that was established in May 1960 can easily be seen for what it is and who it stands for: it is the agent of neocolonialism, which gives it support, publicity and material aid after having drawn up its Constitution, electoral laws and the FDIC.

The UNFP has the honor of having forced this regime to expose itself. The development of awareness among the masses, in the countryside as well as in the city, is an irrevocable phenomenon. One need no more than listen to their conversations and hear their songs to realize this. They don't hope to improve the regime, to amend or curb it. The National Union of Popular Forces wants to liquidate it.

Those of our candidates who are elected will have the task of clarifying, educating and informing public opinion. With the mandate of the people, they must express the people's will in the face of feudal power domesticated by neocolonialism. Our candidates who are today preparing themselves to struggle and fight, have solemnly promised to follow, at all times, the dictates of our organizations and of acting with unity and discipline in the House of Representatives, in order that our ideology triumph. They must fight and overcome the reactionary forces in their own territory.

And this is no more than one aspect of our revolutionary struggle, as our essential objectives cannot be achieved through parliamentary procedure even if there is a parliament. They can only be achieved by the action of the working class, the peasants, the youth and the revolutionary intellectuals.

All patriots, all militants of the National Union of Popular Forces must mobilize in their districts or settlements and bar the way to the agents of reaction and neocolonialism. The battle will be hard, as the regime has mobilized the administrative apparatus of the State behind its candidates, announced or unannounced. They hope to win votes via repression, threat, corruption and fraud. But the combativity of our militants, their energy and spirit

of sacrifice, as well as the basic common sense of our people, will be capable of effectively resisting violence and vigorously combating all attempts at seizing power.

Casablanca, May 2, 1962,

The General Secretariat
of the National Union of Popular Forces