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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL

ALL OUR FORCES TO DEFEND PEACE AND PREVENT WAR

(This statement was released to the local and foreign press and sent to all fraternal parties on 26th May, 1967).

A dangerous and explosive situation has developed now in the Middle East in consequence to American and British imperialist plots supported by the Israeli Government, disregarding Israel security and true national interest. Israeli air attack on Syria on April 7th and repeated threats by Israel Prime Minister and Chief-of-Staff for new large military action against Syria were a prelude to the present dangerous escalation. The imperialists and their henchmen main aims are to overthrow Syrian anti-imperialist regime, weaken Aden and South Arabian national liberation struggle and safeguard oil concessions and bases.

The Communist Party of Israel condemns Al-Fattah sabotage activities in Israel and declarations against right of the State of Israel to existence, which harm the political struggle of the Palestine Arab people for their legal national rights and are exploited by imperialists and their henchmen as pretext for military intervention against the Arab anti-imperialist regimes.

Israel's right of free passage in the Red Sea should be ensured only by political means and agreement with the states concerned and not through war.

The Communist Party of Israel calls for peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Arab conflict and of the Palestine problem.

The Communist Party of Israel demands from the Israeli Government to recognise the just national rights of the Palestine Arab people and foremost the right of the Arab refugees to choose repatriation or compensation. Such recognition will lead to recognition by Arab states of the State of Israel and its just national rights, including free navigation.

Israel's security and wellbeing demands to adopt a new policy : not with imperialists against Arab peoples but with Arab peoples against imperialism.

The Communist Party of Israel calls on all peaceloving forces in Israel for united action to prevent war and safeguard peace. The Communist Party of Israel calls on the Israeli Government to adopt an independent peaceful policy not to pull chestnuts out of fire for the

imperialists. Not to take any military steps beyond the armistice lines, return to the armistice commissions with Syria and Egypt.

The Communist Party of Israel highly values the policy and endeavours of the Soviet Union and other peaceloving forces to frustrate warmongers and safeguard peace and peoples' independence, a policy serving interests of both Israel and Arab peoples.

The Communist Party of Israel calls on all forces interested in maintaining peace and preventing war in the Middle East to condemn imperialist plots and manoeuvres in our region and to demand withdrawal of United States' 6th Fleet from the Mediteranean Sea and to withhold the hand of those who want to inflame war.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY
OF ISRAEL

(-) Meir Vilner

Meir Vilner, MK, in the Knesset :

"WITH ALL OUR MIGHT WE SHALL DEFEND PEACE" !

A Stormy Session hears the voice of Peace and Reason from
Communist Deputies

In the stormy Knesset-debate which followed the Prime minister Levy Eshkol's statement in the Knesset at the 22nd of May 1967 on political and security matters, deputies from the MAPAI (Social-democrats), GAHAL (Right-wing - Herut and Liberals) and some of RAFI (Ben Gurion party) attempted to suppress the call of truth and peace sounded by the Communist deputy, MEIR VILNER Mk. This attempt caused an unusual tension in the Knesset as was not seen there since the debate on the eve of the Sinai-Suez-campaign of 1956. But the initiative of the "Knights of western democracy" to prevent the Communist speaker from continuing his speech was rebuffed. Communist deputies M. Vilner, T. Toubi and Emile Habibi drowned the anti-Communist obstructions with cries for peace, against adventurism and war. M. Vilner was able nevertheless to continue his speech and we publish here - under the full stenographic protocol of the session and the speech of M. Vilner.

KNESSET SPEECH OF M. VILNER, on 22.5.1967

Speaker of the Knesset, honourable Knesset,

The Primeministers statement confirms, that the tension in our area reached serious dimensions. In all walks of life people ask anxiously: What will bring the next day, how is it possible to avoid slipping into a war. The Primeministers statement gave no answer whatsoever to this question and contributed nothing to quieten down the anxiousness.

The Premier tried to explain the latest developments which brought about the present tension. But his explanation was very far from being objectively presented and showing realism.

Until the month of April this year, during some months, the northern borders (with Syria) were relatively quiet. The Israeli-Syrian armistice-commission held several special meetings, at the proposal of the UN secretary-general, in order to try and find a peaceful solution and come to an agreement about tilling the soil in the demilitarized zones. Suddenly, and without considering the interests of peace, the interests of quiet borders and the security of the border-settlements, the government decided at its meeting on April 2nd, to till the disputed plots in the demilitarized zone. It is nearly impossible to think, that the government, by taking this decision, did not take into consideration possible chain-reactions, including the bombing of settlements. This proves, that this decision was taken for political reasons.

On April 7th, the Israeli airforce was put into action and its planes reached even Damascus. Immediately after this..."

M. Biby (Alignment) :

"Why do you not speak about the reason for this action?"

I. Fisher (Alignment) : "What happened before that?"

M. Vilner : "I haven't finished yet."

Cohen-Tsidon (Gahal) : "What happened before the action of the airforce?"

M. Vilner: "I shall explain everything".

M. Biby (Alignment): "You speak about everything only onesidedely!"

M. Vilner: "I am not less interested as anybody here in the security and independence of Israel."

I. Fisher (Alignment): "Until now you said the contrary of this".

M. Vilner: "We proved in 1948, that we are the first to fight for independence." (and continuing his speech): "Immediately after this, the chief-of-staff Izhak RABIN, declared that this would not be the last action against Syria, because Syria will not learn any

lesson from one action only. From the rostrum of the Knesset..."

Shouts: "He knew them well..."

M. Vilner: "...we condemned in the strongest way the air-attack (on Syria). From then on things went from bad to worse. More acts of mining and sabotage were carried out by El-Fatah terrorists on Israeli territory".

Shouts from the Alignment-benches.

M. Vilner (continuing): "These terrorist acts should be condemned. Statements which doubt the right of existence of the State of Israel have to be repulsed strongly too."

Cohen-Tsidon (Gahal): "What is your point of view about the call for destroying the Jews which I hear in Arabic over the Damascus radio-station?"

M. Vilner: "I condemn this strongly. If somebody is speaking such things about Jews, I repulse such talk in the strongest possible way. The sources of the tension are the intrigues of the western powers, which act to overthrow the present Syrian government and to undermine the independence of Aden with the help of Israel, Jordan and Saudi-Arabia..."

Calls from the Alignment - and Gahal-benches.

M. Erem (Alignment): "Anyway, this time we shall not let him continue his speech!"

A. Linn: (Alignment) goes on obstructing and shouting.

M. Vilner: "Is this a democratic Knesset, or is it impossible to express other views than those of the government?"

M. Erem (Alignment): "Are you defending Syria!?"

Cohen-Tsidon (Gahal): "With whom do you identify yourself?"

M. Vilner: "I identify myself with Israel's independence and security and I am against adventurism."

Shouts from the Alignment - and Gahal-benches.

B. Uziel (Gahal): "Who sent the saboteurs into Israel? Do you identify yourself with saboteurs?"

M. Vilner: "I condemn saboteurs."

A. Linn: (Alignment): "Do you defend the Syrian government?"

Emil Habibi (Communist) (to Linn): "You are a wellknown instigator! Send another letter of incitement the Yediot Ahronot (an evening paper)..."

M. Vilner: "Did you decide not to let me speak? - If so, tell us straightly!"

The speaker D. Netser: "I ask you to enable the MK to continue his speech."

Taufik Toubi (Communist): (To the Alignment -and Gahal-benches):

"Do you think, that with those shouts are you able to cover up the responsibility of the government?"

The speaker D.Netser: "MK Taufiq Toubi... I call you to order".

T.Toubi: "You will not be able to quieten down the voice of reason responsibility and peace of the communist deputies!"

Shouts: "You are not speaking of peace!"

T.Toubi: "You will not shut off the voice of peace!"

Y.Shofmann (Gahal): "Go to Damascus and tell them there!"

T.Toubi: I am speaking here as a member of the Knesset and I fulfil here my duty in the name of peace. You can not shout off our voice!"

Y.Shofmann (Gahal): "There they will cut off you head, if you dare to speak like this, there."

A.Linn (Alignment): "Do you defend the Syrian government? Then say so openly".

T. Toubi: I defend peace, peace for Israel, Syria and Egypt alike, peace to all the peoples in this region..."

The speaker D.Netser: "MK Tawfik Toubi..."

A.Linn (Alignment): You defend Syria!"

T.Toubi: "You are adventurers! You are playing with fire!"

A. Bi ton (Alignment): "Don't threaten us with fire!"

The Speaker D.Netser: "MK Tawfik Toubi, I call you to order because of your behaviour."

Cohen-Tsidon (Gahal): "You may praise God, that you are able to speak here."

M.Vilner: "Those are the words of Fascists and not of Democrats".

T.Toubi: "We don't speak with your permission, MK Cohen-Tsidon, but on behalf of the people which elected us. We have not to ask permission of anybody..."

The speaker D.Netser: "I call you to order, MK. Tawfik Toubi"

T.Toubi (pointing at MK Cohen-Tsidon: "I do not have to get his permission for my right to speak. Call him to order!"

The speaker D.Netser (to T.Toubi): "I call you to order for the third time".

(and to M.Vilner): "MK Vilner, you have another five minutes to complete your speech".

M. Vilner : "I have more than five minutes. And now to the point :

Instead of taking the proper political initiative there came a new wave of threats with military actions against Syria. In an interview which was published on the 10th of May 1967 in the organ of the Army "Bamahaneh", the Prime Minister said : "Israel has the right to act in self defence according to the circumstances". And at a meeting of Mapai speakers at the 11th of May the Prime Minister said openly : "It may be that we shall be forced to take steps not less serious than those we took at April the 7th." (The air attack on Syria.)

A. Biton (Alignment) : "Why don't you cite Radio Damascus "

M. Vilner : On May 14th the chief of staff said again in an interview published in the daily "Hayom" : "One action is not enough to bring about the change in the Syrian government's policy, concerning the acts of sabotage." In the same interview the C.ofS. talked of the "instability of Syria". These statements awakened worry in the world public opinion. The French, British, American and West German press published in those days, that Israel "is debating the way only how to invade Syria and not if it is necessary." (STA press agency report, May 13th 1967).

The Israeli press published even articles on the kind of action, which will be taken : According to "Yediot Ahronot" it will have to be forceful and quick, as not to enable Egypt and the Soviet Union to interfere and stop it.

Some states which are interested in peace in our region, and first of all the Soviet Union, warned the government officially that to threaten Syria with military actions means playing with fire and is contrary to the national interests of Israel. But the Government did not listen to these warnings and friendly advices. The Prime Minister described today in his statement in an untrue way the stand taken by the Soviet Union. The whole aim of the Soviet Union is that peace in the area should be kept."

Cohen-Tsidon (Gahal) : "By supplying arms to our enemies."

M. Vilner : "Even American sources were forced to admit in public today after consulting with Soviet authorities that "The Soviet Union has shown great interest to ensure peace in the Middle East and she opposes any use of force."

On the other hand, the Government listened to the advices of the rulers of the USA and Great Britain, who are interested to raise the tension in the region, even at the cost of the blood, shed by our sons.

The Government is pursuing an unrealistic policy. All its reckoning was upset by the events of these days. It believed that the anti-imperialist Arab states will be split and thought that a repetition of the events of April 7th would be possible. But the events took another course. In fact the UAR stands by Syria, ordered the U.N. Emergency Force to leave — and all this to forestall any possible attack on Syria — relying on the public statements by the Prime Minister and the Chief of Staff.

Those mistaken reckonings of the Government prove that the Israeli leaders are detached from the realities of the Middle East and international developments in the year of 1967. Their policy is unrealistic and adventurous.

The experiences of the last 19 years prove that the official policy was a serious failure and was not able to reach peace and security. In these fateful days we emphasize again, that there is a road to peace, but taking this road means altering the official policy entirely. We have to do two main things: firstly — to become independent from the western colonial powers; and secondly, to recognize the legal national rights of the Arab people of Palestine, and foremost the right of the Arab refugees. Such a change in the Israeli policy would lead to the recognition of the national rights of Israel by the Arab states, including the right of free navigation.

Therefore, for the sake of the security of Israel, we have to find a common language with the Arab peoples, with the Arab anti-imperialist forces. The experience proves, that peace will be established by mutual recognition of the national rights only. We have no need for preaching peace but for a policy of peace. All military actions across the borders for the sake of defending the throne of King Hussein or the overthrow of some other government have to be stopped. No international law whatsoever recognizes as self-defence military action on the territory of other states.

MK Ben Gurion asked to prevent the debate in the Knesset. In 1956 too, when he was Prime Minister, he used to act behind the back of the sovereign Knesset. And as did Mr. Anthony Eden in the British Parliament, so did Mr. Ben Gurion in the Knesset in withholding the truth from our eyes. Anthony Nutting's revelations, which were published recently are very enlightening. Ben Gurion proclaimed then, that Israel never will be the first to start war. And two weeks later only she started a war in conformity with the governments of France and Britain. Might it not be possible,

that one or two years hence, we shall learn, that we did not hear today the whole truth from the Prime Minister, especially concerning the regional cooperation between the Israeli government and the governments of the USA, Great Britain and other colonial powers ?

We propose to the Prime Minister, in case he is really concerned about lessening the tension, to close the "open notebook" in which he pencilled down military actions across the border. Instead of it he should open a new book, a book of peace and a different policy, which serves the security of Israel and not foreign interests.

In 1956 the world forces of peace, progress and socialism prevented the deterioration of the war, and stopped it before it grew into a major blaze. In 1967, there are reliable prospects for hindering the outbreak of war in our region by the common effort of the forces of peace in Israel, the Arab countries and the whole world.

We call all those who are really concerned about the wellbeing of our sons and daughters about the security of Israel and her taking root as a recognized state in the region, to mobilize in unity for the struggle against being pushed into war and military adventure, for saving peace.

We propose to decide to return permanently to the Israeli-Egyptian and Israeli-Syrian armistice commissions, according to the advice of UN secretary general.

Let us defend peace with all our might, for peace assures the security of Israel.

PROPOSAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR CONCLUDING KNESSET DEBATE ON SITUATION

On the 22nd and 23rd of May the Knesset (Parliament) held a debate on the present situation of Israeli-Arab relations.

The Communist Deputy MEIR VILNER submitted at the conclusion of the debate on 23.5.67 on behalf of the Communist group the following proposal for concluding the debate :

1. "The Knesset demands from the Government to work towards a cessation of the dangerous tension in our region in order to prevent the conflagration of war. The Knesset is opposed to any threat of the use

of military force and to any military action beyond the armistice borders. All conflicts between Israel and the Arab states must be solved only by peaceful means and agreement, on the basis of observation of the armistice agreements.

The Knesset decides that Israel should return to the Israel-Egyptian and Israel-Syrian armistice commissions.

2. The Knesset holds that the State of Israel has the full right to freedom of passage in the Red Sea and the Straits of Suez. The Knesset rejects any idea of the use of military force to ensure the freedom of passage in the Red Sea. The right of passage must be ensured by political means and agreement with the states concerned in the matter.

3. The Knesset rejects the declarations of the rulers of the U.S.A. and Britain regarding their arrogated right of intervention by armed force in our region. The imperialist plots of the Western powers against the peace and independence of the peoples are the main cause of the tension and danger of war.

The cooperation of the Israeli Government with the plans of the colonialist powers in our region has contributed to the tension and harmed the national interest of Israel.

4. The Knesset holds that peace between Israel and the Arab states can be achieved on the basis of the mutual recognition of the just national rights of the two peoples — the people of Israel and the Palestinian Arab people.

For the sake of a peaceful settlement the Government should declare Israel's recognition of the just national rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including the right of the Arab refugees to choose between return and compensation, a recognition that will lead to the recognition by the Arab states of the State of Israel and its just national rights, including freedom of passage."

This proposal was supported by the three Communist deputies comrades M. Vilner, T. Toubi and E. Habibi, and opposed by members of the coalition and right wing opposition parties. S. Mikunis abstained.

All factions of the Knesset, coalition and right-wing opposition supported a jointly prepared resolution, namely calling for concluding the debate at the Knesset Foreign and Defence Parliamentary committee.

15th PLENARY SESSION OF THE C.C., C.P. OF ISRAEL

I : COMMUNIQUE

On 18-19 of May 1967, the 15th plenary session of the C.C. of the C.P. of Israel was held with the participation of the Central Control Commission. Chairman of the session was central committee member, comrade Abraham Melamaid.

Secretary of the Politbureau, comrade Meir Vilner, reported on the subject : "In the struggle in defence of peace and workers' rights". Following upon the discussion, in which the majority of the C.C. committee members and Central Control Commission members participated, and the resuming of the discussion, the report and resolutions were adopted.

Member of Central Control Commission Hans Lebrecht reported on his participation in the 7th Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and in the 1st of May celebrations in the German Democratic Republic.

Resolutions adopted by the Central Committee were :

- 1) Against War Adventurism - In Defence of Peace;
- 2) On the European Communist and Workers' Parties Conference in Karlowy Vary;
- 3) On the Reactionary Military Putsch in Greece;
- 4) On the struggle for work, for defending wages and workers' rights.

II : RESOLUTIONS OF 15th Plenary Session, C.C., C.P. of Israel

1) Against War Adventurism — In defence of peace!

The central committee anxiously states that the tension in our region had been heightened to a dangerous extent. Since the preparations for the Sinai-Suez war in 1956 following the secret conspiracy between the governments of France, Britain and Israel, peace was not so seriously threatened by the imperialists and their agents.

The situation demands the strongest united efforts from the part of all peace forces to stop the deterioration towards war, to prevent tragedies and bloodshed.

Public clear declarations, threatening to start a military action against Syria, were heard lately from the side of Premier and Defence Minister L. Eshkol and commander in Chief Y. Rabin. In an interview to "Bamahaneh" - the army official magazine in 10.5.67, the Prime Minister declared: "Israel preserves its right to act in self-defence, according to the circumstances." In a meeting of the Mapai lecturers

on the 11th May, 1967, the Prime Minister explained clearly: "May be we will be forced to take steps not less serious than those from the 7th of April". Similar threats were issued by the commander in chief immediately after the air bombing of Syria on the 7th of April; he declared: "It seems that one blow is not enough to teach Syria a lesson". On the 14th of May 1967, the commander in chief in an interview to the news paper of "Gahal" "Hayom", again threatened: "One military action is not enough to force the government of Syria to change its policy concerning the problem of sabotage". In this same interview the commander in chief spoke and not by chance about the "loss of stability in Syria". The unsuccessful attempts to carry out reactionary Coup-d'état in Syria were met with sympathy by the official propaganda sources in Israel. The public opinion had not yet forgot the interview the Commander in chief gave to "Bamachaneh" on the eve of the new year (Jewish calender) in September 1966 in which he declared that the aim of military actions against Syria is to strike the present regime there...

In these strained days the Israeli government instead of acting to ease the tension, gave orders to renew the cultivation in disputed areas. The news paper "Yediot Ahronot" from the 19.5.1967 reported: "Yesterday the cultivations was renewed in sensitive areas", in the north. Among others the plot 450 dunams near Ashmora was ploughed. In the part work in this area was met with Syrian fire; yesterday the Syrians did not obstruct the work there". Thus continues the policy of "Creating facts" a policy that goes contrary to the interest of peace. Carrying out such work in these days of high tension does not prove the will to ease the tension and prevent the deterioration of the situation towards war.

Our Communist party condemns the sabotage and terrorist activities of the "El-Fateh" *inside* the territory of Israel. We reject all declarations that *deny* the very existence of the State of Israel.

These actions and declarations cause harm to the struggle of the people of Palestine to attain their *international* rights, and are being exploited by the imperialists and their agents to justify their military interventions against the anti-imperialist countries. It is clear that the threats against Syria and the provocative steps of the official circles in Israel are a result of the collaboration between the Israeli government and the governments of the U.S.A., Britain and other imperialist circles (including the government of the Nazi Keisenger in West Germany), aiming at crushing the present anti-imperialist government in Syria. The air bombing of Syria on the 7th of April had not strengthened the security of Israel; on the contrary it had caused great harm. It is clear

that a new military attack against Syria might cause further deterioration of the grave situation and lead to war.

It is not by chance, that the visits of State Department and Pentagon officials to Israel had been increased lately. Immediately after the air bombing of Syria the Vice-Minister of Defence Zvi Dinstein visited the U.S.A. Foreign Minister Aba Eban and later the commander in chief Rabin visited Britain. The Foreign Minister Eban and Ex-Prime Minister Ben-Gurion held consultations in Bonn.

The Soviet Government that makes great efforts to preserve peace in our region and frustrate the adventurous programmes of the Western powers against peace and independence of the peoples had officially warned the Eshkol Government that the threats of war are a dangerous game with fire that goes contrary to the national interests of Israel.

The Eshkol Government did not heed to these sincere warnings, but to the devil advices of the American and British imperialists who are interested in an armed clash in our region in order to preserve their oil monopolies on the expense of the blood of our sons. In carrying out their dirty plans, the imperialists are helped by the rulers of Israel, Jordan and Saudia. Their common interest against the independence of the people of Aden and South-Arabia is worth noticing.

Under these circumstances, Egypt, in support to Syria, gave orders to evacuate U.N. forces, and took military steps to face the danger of a military attack against Syria, taking into consideration the open declarations of the Israeli Prime Minister and Commander in Chief. The calculations of the imperialists and their agents who reckoned upon division between the Arab anti-imperialist countries proved wrong. We warn from similar illusions in the future. The wrong calculations of the rulers of Israel and their advisors from abroad proved that they are following an unrealistic policy isolated from the new situation in the Middle East and the world. Nothing but a grave failure is awaiting such a policy.

Consequently, the increase of the tension at present is a direct result of an American and British imperialist conspiracy, which upon it and upon the 6th U.S.A. flee to the Israeli official leaders had reckoned while issuing their irresponsible and adventurous declarations concerning a new military attack against Syria.

The experience of the last 19 years since the establishment of the State of Israel had proved that the supposition that it is possible to solve problems under dispute with the help of imperialist powers and from the positions of strength while ignoring the existence and rights of the Arab people of Palestine, is nothing but political blindness which causes harm to the vital interests of Israel and peace.

We again affirm that the Israeli-Arab conflict must be solved only by political peaceful means, based on the mutual respect of the rights of the two peoples - the people of Israel and the Arab people of Palestine. There is a way to peace - to stop the dependence of Israel upon the imperialist west, to recognise the right of the Arab refugees to return to their homeland or receive compensation according to their will. Such a change in the official Israeli policy will lead to the recognition of Israel and its national rights from the side of the Arab countries, will lead to peace and security. Not with the imperialists against the Arab peoples, but together with the Arab peoples against imperialism. This is the vital interest of peace and security of the State of Israel.

The C. C. of C. P. of Israel calls upon the working people and upon all those who are really concerned with the life of our sons and the security of Israel, to unite their forces - the struggle to safeguard peace and prevent a military adventure which its results will be difficult to imagine. Israel should not pick the chestnut from the fire for the American imperialists. The American war criminals who are escalating their aggression in Vietnam and are thus endangering world peace, cannot be our allies. They are the enemies of the people of Israel and the Arab countries.

The central Committee, in this critical hour, appeals to all peace-loving public circles, opponents of a military adventure, to all those who have a sense of responsibility in all political parties and call upon them - Let us unite our forces and struggle against a military adventure, against military actions across the borders! Let us call upon the public opinion and work in common to prevent a military clash and safeguard peace and security of Israel!

Israel should not be drawn to the plots of the American, British and west German imperialists in our region!

The Government must accept the demand of the Secretary of the U. N., U. Thant, and return to the Israeli-Egyptian and Israeli-Syrian Armistice Commission permanently, and without any prior conditions!

- * Maintain Calm on the borders!
- * Conform with the Armistice Agreements!
- * No military action beyond the borders!
- * Let us stop the escalation to war!
- * Let us defend peace!

2 : ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES CONFERENCE IN KARLOWY-VARY

The 15th plenary session of the C. C. of the C. P. of Israel held a discussion on the European Communist and Workers' Parties Conference held in Karlowy-Vary on 24-26 April, 1967.

The C. C. stresses the great importance of the Conference and its conclusions for peace and security in Europe and in the world. The C. C. expresses its support to the conclusions of the Karlowy-Vary Conference on the question of the struggle against German militarism and revanchism and ensuring peace and security of Europe and on the question of the struggle against American aggression in Vietnam.

The C. C. is of the opinion that the Karlowy Vary Conference is a step of great importance for the unity of the Communist movement not only in Europe, but also in the whole world, and declares that preparations should be undertaken for the convening of a new international Consultative meeting of the Communist and Workers Parties, such a meeting is necessary for consolidating the unity of the world communist movement, for strengthening of struggle against imperialist aggression, for peace, peoples independence, democracy and socialism.

The C. C. calls on its members, its sympathisers, and on the working people to intensify their struggle against relations of friendship between the Israel government and on the government of the Nazi Kiesinger in West Germany. We shall not be in one camp with the Government of a Nazi which endangers European security and the security of the World. German militarism, bred by Hitler's heirs in Bonn is a special danger for the people of Israel. We shall not allow to belittle the dangers inherent in the rise of the power of German revanchism and neonazism.

The C. C. calls for strengthening solidarity actions with the heroic people of Vietnam. Let us intensify public opposition to the ties being woven between Eshkol government and the ruling clique in Saigon. Let us put an end to the transport of American equipment to South Vietnam in Israeli ships. Let the government annul its decision to bring South Vietnam trainees to Israel and to extend professional and technical aid to the Military Clique in Saigon.

The C. C. calls for the consolidation of all anti-nazi and peace-loving forces in Israel in the struggle for the common lofty aims . . . against the danger of German neo nazism, against American aggression in Viet Nam for the defence of peace and the security of all peoples.

3 : ON THE REACTIONARY MILITARY PUTSCH IN GREECE

The C. C. of C.P. of Israel expresses its protest and condemns the reactionary military putsch in Greece carried out by extreme rightist and royal-court circles supported by American imperialism. This Fascist putsch was carried out in order to prevent the greek people from advancing on the road of democracy and social progress out of fear of the results of the parliamentary elections that should have taken place in the month of May this year.

The military putsch aimed at enforcing through armed force a dictatorial anti-democratic reactionary regime and to strengthen the rule of American imperialism in Greece, which was weakening lately.

The dissolution of parliament, cancelling of elections, outlawing of parties, bonning of democratic newspapers and the imprisonment of thousands of democratic leaders and activists including members of parliament and trade unionists and the serious encroachments on civil rights - with such measures the fascist and bloody regime tries to hold sway in Greece. By threats with military courts and executions against Greek democratic leaders and amongst them the greek national, hero of the anti-fascist War Manolis Glezos and chairman of the parliamentary group of the united left democratic party Elias Eliou, all this is a source for deep apprehension on behalf of every democrat and partisan of freedom.

The C.P. of Israel expresses its full solidarity with the fraternal Com. party of Greece and with all democratic forces in Greece, and together with all lovers of freedom and democracy in the world demands to put an immediate end to the fascist terror raging in Greece, to stop the persecution against democratic forces, to set free all the detainees, victims of the military putsch and to restore all democratic liberties for the greek people.

The C.C. points out to the protest activities organised by the C.P. of Israel and other democratic Circles, and calls to continue and widen them.

4 : IN THE STRUGGLE FOR WORK, FOR DEFENSE OF WAGES

The C.C. discussed the serious situation of spreading mass unemployment and the government and capitalist attacks on the standard of living and rights of the workers.

The economic plans of the government aimed in accordance with the declarations of the government for economic recovery and for the transfer of workers from services to productive branches of employment has proved its failure.

In accordance with the publications of the Central office for statistics, the number of unemployed reached one hundred thousand and more. In the first quarter of 1967 the number of those employed in industry dropped by 19 thousands in comparison with the first quarter of 1966. In addition, thousands of workers were compelled to change to a 4-5 days working week, which means a loss of wage which sometimes reaches thirty to forty percent. The Minister of labour Allon announced officially that in the Coming month^o. with the ending of the citrus season, unemployment will spread more. Tens of thousands of families now are in great distress.

Now it is clear to all, that there is one result to the Government plan that is lowering of wages and encroachment on social conditions achieved by the workers during many years' struggle. This is also the aim of the plan to abolish the summer hours decided upon by the trade union section of the Histadrut.

The Government plans are not for economic recovery but to serve better the big foreign and local capitalists.

Government plans are in contradiction to the interests of Israeli workers and to the interests of independant economic development.

Workers of Israel who proved in the late years their readiness to fight in defence of their rights and interests, are called upon to strengthen their unity and cohesion not withstanding political allegiance; national or communal differences and to repulse the attack of the employers and the government in defense of their rights for bread, work, in defense of wages and for the benefit of peace and happiness of the working people.

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