

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 15TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE CC, CP OF ISRAEL

The Central Committee and the Central Control Commission of the Communist Party of Israel held the 15th Plenary Meeting in January 1971 under the chairmanship of Saliba Khamis, Member of the Political Bureau. It discussed the struggle for peace, against the anti-Soviet campaign, for the rights of working people. Meir Vilner, General Secretary of the CPI, took part in the work of the meeting.

Below we publish three resolutions adopted by the meeting and published in Al-Ittihad on January 8, 1971.

ON THE JARRING TALKS ON PEACE BASED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The Central Committee met with satisfaction the decision of the government and Knesset on Israel's return to peaceful negotiations under UN envoy Dr. Jarring, viewing the resumption of the talks as a gain for the peace-loving forces. The isolation of the U.S. and Israeli governments that was evident at the last UN session and that proved that the relation of forces in the world and in the region is to the disadvantage of the U.S. imperialists and the executors of their plans, compelled the U.S. rulers and then those of Israel to discontinue the policy of "freezing" the peace talks aimed at implementing the Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967.

At the same time the Central Committee notes that the refusal of the Golda Meir government to implement the Security Council resolution, its intention to annex the occupied territories and the flaunting of the rights of the Arab people of Palestine confirm that the Israeli government is not interested in the successful outcome of the peace talks. It decided to continue its course of thwarting the discussion of essential problems and protracting the talks. The main aim of the government is to preserve the existing situation and thereby to perpetuate the occupation.

The Israeli ruling quarters harbor the illusion that they can achieve their expansionist aims and deprive the Arab people of Palestine of their rights by carrying out the criminal plans of U.S. imperialism in our area. The Central Committee warns the Israeli people against the danger presented by the adventurist and unrealistic policy of the government, which is in the service of U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of the Israeli and Arab peoples.

Egypt and other Arab states aspiring for peace are prepared to recognize Israel as a sovereign state with secure and generally

recognized borders, provided Israel withdraws its troops from the territories occupied in the course of the June 1967 war and agrees to a just settlement of the problem of the Palestine refugees in keeping with the UN resolutions. Influential forces in the Arab world are ready to establish a just peace on the basis of full implementation of the Security Council resolution.

The Soviet Union, along with other peaceful states, exerts great efforts to achieve a political settlement of the crisis in the area, to establish a durable peace on the basis of respect for the rights of peoples and states. Together with other great powers and the Security Council, the Soviet Union is prepared to participate in effective international guarantees, making it possible to reach a peaceful settlement of the conflict between Israel and the Arab countries.

Thus there is a historical possibility of establishing a just peace in our region. Peace is the only guarantee of Israel's security.

The Central Committee calls on peace-loving forces of Israel, irrespective of their party affiliation and views, to unite and step up the fight to ensure the success of the peace talks under the aegis of Dr. Jarring, to prevent further clashes, implement the Security Council resolution and establish a just peace.

ON THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN

The Central Committee states that the anti-Soviet campaign conducted by the Israeli government and Zionist leaders and coordinated from the imperialist propaganda centers in Washington and other capitals, has assumed the most reckless and unprecedented form, inflicting great harm on Israel.

The Central Committee resolutely condemns the anti-Soviet campaign. This campaign runs counter to the interests of Israel and the Jews. It furthers the interests of international and U.S. imperialism and reaction, who, in view of the new relationship of forces in the world, have shifted the center of gravity in their struggle against the Soviet Union and communism to the sphere of ideology and politics.

The anti-Soviet campaign is intended to cover up the actions of the Israeli rulers, which undermine the possibility of establishing peace in our area, and to disguise their policy of repression in the occupied territories. The anti-Soviet campaign pursues the aim of making people forget that the rulers of Israel refuse to implement the resolution of the UN General Assembly which demands that thousands of Arab refugees, driven from the occupied territories after the June war, be given the opportunity to return to their land and to reunite their families.

The anti-Soviet campaign is designed to prepare the public for

moves torpedoing the Jarring talks, resuming the war and renewing tensions.

The hatred for the Soviet Union fanned by the Israeli rulers and Zionist leaders with the help of the White House, terrorist acts of the fascist type against Soviet institutions, officials and representatives of the arts, such actions as the burning of Soviet flags, demonstrations of Fallangists, fascists, and anti-Semites who had fled from the socialist countries—all this clearly reveals the political character and the true aims of the organizers of the "crusade" against the Soviet Union and communism.

The propaganda of the Israeli rulers and Zionist leaders against the Soviet Union, their defense of the hijackers in Leningrad and of secret actions against the Soviet Union do not have the expected effect on Israeli citizens. The overwhelming majority of the population do not take seriously the claims of Zionist propaganda that the persons who attempted to hijack a plane in the Soviet Union should not be brought to trial. The support given by the Israeli rulers and Zionist leaders to the organizers of the hijacking and other secret anti-Soviet actions has revealed the essence of the policy of the organizers of the anti-Soviet campaign.

Despite the hatred incited against the Soviet Union by all mass propaganda media, the majority of the population does not believe that the Jews were tried in Leningrad only because they were born Jews, since some of the accused were not Jews at all. Equally unsuccessful were the attempts to spread the lies that in the Soviet Union Jews are tried because they want to go to Israel. The Israelis have seen with their own eyes that the Soviet Union has not raised obstacles for Jews going to Israel. At the same time the Soviet Union does not conceal the fact that as long as the crisis situation persists in the Middle East, as long as Israel continues its occupation of the Arab territories, thereby creating the threat of a new war, it is compelled to reckon with these factors.

Imperialist and Zionist propaganda seized on the death sentence originally passed on the two persons charged with attempted hijacking in Leningrad to step up the anti-Soviet campaign. But subsequent developments have confirmed the view of our Party, which believed from the outset that the sentence would be commuted. Zionist propagandists again found themselves in a quandary. The campaign to exonerate the hijackers and justify secret acts against the Soviet Union did not evoke a wide response. The anti-Soviet and anti-Communist propaganda, propaganda of the cold war conducted by the international imperialist centers, in whose service the Israeli rulers and Zionist leaders are, is also doomed to failure.

All realistically minded people know that there has never been anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, nor will there ever be. The Soviet Union is the symbol and shining example of equality and

brotherhood of nations. The Soviet Jews, with few exceptions, reject Zionist propaganda and regard the Soviet Union as their own country. The Jews of the Soviet Union live a happy life in the conditions of socialism, enjoying freedom and equality, building communism in common with the other peoples of the Soviet Union and contributing their share to the defense of universal peace and progress.

The Israeli people will never forget that the Soviet Union lost more than 20 million of its citizens in the war against German fascism and saved the Jews of Europe and other countries from destruction.

The Israeli people know from their own experience that the Soviet Union supported the national rights of the peoples of Palestine, the Israeli and other peoples, that it supported the establishment of the state of Israel and defended its sovereignty. The Soviet Union invariably champions a peaceful settlement of the conflict in our area in the interests of all peoples.

The organizers of the anti-Soviet campaign are the enemies of the true interests of Israel, the enemies of peace, servitors of the U.S. imperialists and Hitler's heirs in West Germany. The organizers of the anti-Soviet campaign keep silent whenever cases of out-and-out anti-Semitism are brought to light in the U.S. and FRG.

The Central Committee calls on all Israelis who are aware of their national responsibility and realize that it is in the best national interests of Israel to improve relations with the Soviet Union, to establish peace in our area, openly and boldly to oppose the dirty campaign of the Israeli extremists and international reaction against the Soviet Union, the country of the October Revolution. May peace triumph in our area! Long live friendship between the peoples of Israel and the Soviet Union!

ON THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

The Central Committee notes that the struggle of the working people in Israel intensified in the last year. The last ten months of 1970 saw an increase in the number of strikes. There were 127 strikes, and the number of strike-days reached the 400,000 mark. The increase in the number of strikes shows that the working people are intensifying their struggle against the policy of "general contract" proclaimed by the Histadrut leadership.

The policy of "general contract" conducted by the government and employers actually leads to a reduction in wages, higher profits and higher prices and taxes. The Histadrut leadership, complying with the will of the government, is now "fighting" for an increase in benefits, which would compensate for a mere two per cent of the rising cost of living. In point of fact, however, the government and

employers are violating even the policy of "general contract," which imposed high prices and taxes on the workers.

The Central Committee urges the trade unions and workers' committees to support the demand of the working people for a 20-25 per cent increase in wages, better social services, lower prices and taxes, and immediate payment of unemployment benefits (as of September 1, 1970).

In connection with the plans of the government and Gahal (an ultra-expansionist organization.—*Ed.*) to pass a law banning strikes, which would infringe the freedom of trade-union activity, we urge all working people to come out against these plans and demand from the Histadrut leadership that it support the struggle of the working people (employing all means, including strikes) for their just demands and rights that would prevent the decline in the standard of living and a reduction in wages.

As a result of the refusal of the government and the Ministry of Education to meet the just demands of the teachers' organizations, the latter resumed their strike. The responsibility for the resumption of the strike and for the damage caused to the education of the youth lies wholly with the government. Our Party supports the just demands of the teachers.

Despite its earlier promises, the government ignores the demands of the hospital nurses. Full responsibility for a possible resumption of their strike lies squarely with the government and its institutions. Our Party supports the just demands of the nurses and their struggle.

The Central Committee notes with satisfaction the growing scale of the trade-union struggle and calls on all working people, irrespective of differences in political views, party affiliation, nationality and religious convictions, to unite in the common front of the just struggle.
