

British, Polish Communists Issue Joint Declaration

LONDON.—A joint declaration has been issued by representatives of the British Communist Party and the Polish United Workers' Party, following three-day talks in Warsaw last week.

The British delegation consisted of Harry Pollitt, chairman of the Communist Party, and John Gollan, general secretary.



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The Polish delegates were three members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the United Workers Party: Jozef Czesak, head of the international department, Roman Zambrowski and Stefan Jedrychowski.

The British Communists also had talks with Wladyslaw Gomułka, first secretary of the United Workers' Party and the other members of the Political Bureau.

The text of the joint declaration is as follows:

1. An essential task in the present situation is for the international working-class movement to conduct a common struggle for the lessening of international tension and the achievement of peaceful co-existence.

A common struggle is necessary to end the dangerous division of Europe through the creation of a European collective security system, for progressive disarmament and a ban on atomic and hydrogen weapons and guided missiles.

The outcome of this struggle, like the solution of all other historic tasks facing the working class, depends to a great extent on the solidarity of all the forces of Socialism.

It depends on the unity of the Communist and Workers' parties, on the cohesion of the community of Socialist countries, in which the Soviet Union plays a particularly important role because of its experience in Socialist construction.

We welcome the great and historic process of liberation of the colonial and dependent countries.

We condemn all interventions, intrigues and other attempts to counteract the national liberation movement as contrary to the principle of self-determination of nations and a threat to the peace of the world.

Remembering the activities of German militarism, which caused so much suffering to both the Polish and British people, we oppose the rearmament of West Germany and especially the threat to arm the new "Wehrmacht" with atomic weapons.

We demand the unification of Germany on a peaceful and democratic basis and support the efforts of the German Democratic Republic toward that goal.

The plan for the "European Common Market" and "Euratom" increases the danger of the division of Europe and creates condi-

tions for establishing the hegemony of the German monopolies in Western Europe.

We fully support the peaceful efforts of the Soviet Union and particularly its latest proposals on disarmament and the ban on atomic weapons, which, to a large extent, take into account the point of view of the Western powers.

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2. The 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was a turning point in the history of the international workingclass movement.

It opened new perspectives in the struggle for peace and Socialism by criticizing the distortions connected with the cult of the individual.

It based itself on Leninist principles within the Communist Parties themselves and in relations between different Communist Parties and different Socialist States.

The basing of relations between the Communist and Workers' Parties and between Socialist States on equality, non-interference in internal affairs and respect for their sovereignty is an indispensable premise for the creative application of the general principles of Marx-

ism-Leninism.

This, on the one hand, enriches the experiences of the international workingclass movement and, on the other consolidates its unity.

Such were the aims of the Soviet declarations made by the Chinese People's Republic on Nov. 1, 1956;

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and of the Polish-Soviet declaration of Nov. 18, 1956.

We condemn all attempts to revise the fundamental principles of Marxism-Leninism and to tone down the class struggle, and all attempts to weaken the principles of democratic centralism and the unity of Communist and Workers' Parties.

However varied the methods, forms and ways of Socialist construction in different countries, they cannot violate the basic principles of Socialism, i.e., the leading role of the Party and the political power of the working masses.

We categorically reject all at the 8th plenum of the Central principles as well as dogmatic and mechanical application of experiences of one Party or Socialist country to another.

The British Communist Party takes note of the progress of Socialist democracy in Poland since the 8th plenum of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party.

It supports the attempts of the Polish United Workers' Party to correct the mistakes of the past, strengthen its bonds with the people on Leninist principles and

build Socialism in Polish conditions.

The Polish United Workers' Party supports the program of the British Communist Party, "The British Road to Socialism" and the struggle of British Communists for the unity of the British working-class movement.

The British Communist Party and the Polish United Workers' Party will lead a struggle against all anti-Soviet propaganda, against all forms of chauvinism and nationalism, anti-Semitism, and national and racial discrimination.

Guided by the principle of proletarian internationalism and linked by the common struggle for peace and Socialism, we resolve to strengthen our cooperation for the benefit of the working people of Poland and Great Britain.

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