

the conference abstained from voting. No pleas can justify this attitude of neutrality or silence as it, in effect, means encouragement to the neo-colonialists. The Indian people cannot permit such deviations from India's declared policy of anti-colonialism and Afro-Asian solidarity.

Nearer home in South-East Asia also, faced with the resurgent tide of the freedom struggle of South Vietnamese patriots, the US imperialists are further intensifying their military intervention in this region. They have learnt nothing from the fiascos of their earlier plans or from the worldwide condemnation of their aggressive action in the Gulf of Tonkin. Now the Pentagon is busy drawing up plans of resort to military action in North Vietnam and Laos. This will not only be an attack on the two countries concerned but also a flagrant violation of the Geneva Agreement and a serious threat to world peace.

The hands of the US incendiaries can and must be stayed.

India has a special responsibility in the matter, being the Chairman of the Supervisory Commission for South Vietnam, and must see that the Geneva Agreement is observed.

The Congress is of the considered opinion that this responsibility has not been discharged. On the contrary, the Indian representative on the Supervisory Commission has turned a blind eye to the bringing in of US arms and personnel and the open aggression by the US imperialists against the Vietnamese people.

The Indian people must see that this shameful attitude of the Government of India is ended.

The Congress appeals to the Indian people to raise their voice of protest and condemnation of the increasing US aggression in South-East Asia and calls upon the Government of India to act up to the firm anti-colonialist stand of the Cairo Declaration and demand that US imperialist intervention in South Vietnam and Laos be stopped and all US military personnel be withdrawn.

MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR FORCE

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India views with grave concern the efforts of the imperialist powers to create a NATO multilateral nuclear force which would place nuclear

weapons in the hands of the West German revanchists. This Congress is of the opinion that the creation of the multilateral nuclear force as designed by the American imperialists would lead to proliferation of nuclear weapons, acceleration of the arms race and heightening of international tension and war danger.

The bellicose strategy of the West German revanchists and militarists who hope to "reunite" Germany by "marching to the East" would receive great filip by placing nuclear weapons in the hands of ex-Nazi generals who man the top posts in the NATO.

The creation of the MLF therefore means accentuation of the arms race and the threat of world war. That is why it is opposed by all peace-loving peoples and governments all over the world.

The Seventh Congress of the CPI expresses its strongest condemnation of the MLF plan and joins world popular and peace forces in demanding that it be given up.

RELEASE OF VICTIMS OF FASCIST TYRANNY IN LATIN AMERICA, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

The Seventh Congress of the CPI expresses its emphatic protest and condemnation against the brutal repression being resorted to by the reactionary regimes of many Latin-American countries as well as by the fascist dictatorship in Spain and Portugal to stop the rising wave of working-class and mass struggles which are advancing in those countries against the forces of reaction and tyranny. Thousands of heroic victims are languishing inside the prisons of these lands, condemned to torture and years of long imprisonment.

This Congress protests against and condemns the incarceration of Sandoval by the fascist reaction in Spain; of Jesus Faria, Gustavo and Eduardo Machado, of Pompeyo Marquez in Venezuela; of Ivan Ribeiro, Mario Alves and A. Pereira in Brazil; of Pedio Saad in Ecuador; of Antonio Maidana in Paraguay; together with hundreds of other communists as well as democrats and progressives of all parties and walks of life who symbolise the unshakable will of their peoples for national freedom and social progress.