Statement by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland

- Soviet and Polish revisionists are renegades to the cause of the proletariat.
- Calling on all real revolutionaries and all soldiers and officers of the people’s army of Poland to unite in a struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In a declaration issued in Warsaw on August 24, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland strongly condemned the Soviet revisionists and their followers for their brutal aggression against Czechoslovakia and its people.

The declaration says that a few days after the revisionist plotters signed the Bratislava declaration, which proclaimed the observance of the principles of equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of another country, the whole of Czechoslovakia was occupied. The hypocrisy and perfidy, the cynicism and brutality of the plotters went beyond all limits. The armed attack launched on Czechoslovakia has the features of a barbarous aggression of the fascist type.

On behalf of the working class and all the working people of Poland, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland condemns this shameful, perfidious and bandit-like attack by the troops of the Soviet Union and its satellites, including Poland, against the fraternal Czechoslovak people. The declaration adds that although the aggression by the Soviet revisionists and their satellites, including Poland, against Czechoslovakia is being carried out with the use of phrases about the so-called defence of socialism, nobody can be deceived because in fact this is nothing more than a continuation of the hypocritical policy of betraying the interests of revolution and the principles of proletarian internationalism with the help of tanks and guns. This is a manifestation of relations between bourgeois states. Thus, it was decided to use barbarous armed attack to achieve what cannot be achieved through Warsaw Treaty letters and conferences. Over the past few months, “fraternal” negotiations were conducted around the table but what was done at night was just like a pack of gangsters. This is the real face of the modern revisionists after they have been unmasked, of the traitors to the cause of the proletariat, and of the lackeys of the bourgeoisie.

The declaration says that the aggression by the Soviet revisionists and their satellites, including Poland, against Czechoslovakia also exposes Soviet-U.S. collaboration. Johnson merely made a gesture to express regret. Thus, we see the perfectly harmonious collaboration between the two big powers, the United States and the Soviet Union, in their redivision of the world. Every imperialist gangster safeguards his right to establish order in his sphere of influence in accordance with his needs. Czechoslovakia is in the sphere of influence of Soviet revisionism, while south Vietnam is in the U.S. sphere of influence.

The declaration points out that the Polish working class and the Communist Party of Poland are confident that the heroic working class of Czechoslovakia will create its revolutionary political organization and will lead the working masses to victory. The working class of Czechoslovakia must put its questions into its own hands. To place confidence in the counter-revolutionary and capitulationist Dubcek clique means submitting to the orders of the overt enemies of revolution and socialism.

After severely condemning the revisionist Gomulka clique, the declaration says that in sending Polish troops to Czechoslovakia, this clique followed in the footsteps of the prewar Polish reactionary bourgeoisie.

The declaration points out that the political adventurers and the enemies of the people must be severely punished and overthrown because they bring only sacrifice and suffering to the people. They bring shame to the good name of Poland, for which its finest sons and daughters fought on all fronts for freedom. The Polish army, together with the armies of the other revisionist countries, are occupying Czechoslovakia under the leadership of the Soviet revisionist generals. In a word, they are playing the role of an aggressor and occupier in the interests of reaction and counter-revolution at home and abroad. No Polish worker, no honest Pole, no Polish soldier can agree to such a thing. Soldiers of the people’s army of Poland, you are deceived by the Gomulka clique. Come back to your country because the class enemy of the dictatorship of the proletariat is in your own country.

The declaration emphatically points out that modern revisionism with the Soviet revisionist ruling clique as its centre is leading the so-called socialist countries to calamities for the people and society, and has obsequiously handed over political power to the big bourgeoisie. To live and develop like a genuine socialist country, People’s Poland must break away from the Moscow renegades to communism; first and
foremost, it must liberate itself from the Gomulka renegade clique, and its own actions must be supported by its own inexhaustible strength.

The declaration concludes by saying: The Communist Party of Poland today is the only Marxist-Leninist Party in Poland which represents the heroic traditions of the Polish proletariat and constitutes the real vanguard of the working class of Poland. The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland calls upon all real revolutionaries and all soldiers and officers of the people’s army of Poland to unite in a struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat. Great danger now threatens Poland and socialism as well as the people’s political power. Today, an attack has been launched on Czechoslovakia and tomorrow, another attack will threaten Poland. Instead of relying on the bayonets of the Soviet Union, we should rely on our revolutionary forces and material resources to build socialism in Poland.