

Lisbon Conference Against the Threat of Russian Imperialism

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LISBON CONFERENCE

Against the Threat of Russian Imperialism

The Lisbon Conference Against the Threat of Russian Imperialism held from May 20 to 23 was initiated jointly by the Communist Party of Portugal (Marxist-Leninist), the Social Democratic Party and the Party of the Democratic and Social Centre.

Present at the conference were many personages of political and cultural circles from a number of West European and African countries. Representatives of an Angolan guerrilla organization and some international organizations attended the conference as observers.

The Final Resolution adopted on May 20 says: "In their activities, the European countries should unite with the peoples of other continents, the third world in particular, on the basis of equality, mutual respect for sovereignty and mutual benefit." "The European peoples must energetically support the peoples of the world in their struggle for liberation and national independence, particularly the struggle against Soviet imperialism unfolded now by the African countries and peoples as well as by the East European and Soviet peoples."

The resolution on Euro-African relations notes that "the Soviet Union has become the No. 1 enemy of Africa" and that "the Kremlin's daily intensified intervention in Africa has

brought calamity to the African people."

The resolution on Angola urges "immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all foreign troops stationed in Angola."

Heduno Gomes, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Portugal (Marxist-Leninist), made a speech entitled "Democratic Forces, Unite to Oppose Their Common Enemy." He said: "Soviet social-imperialism is a super-power which assumes an offensive posture strategically. In consequence, it is the most dangerous enemy of the peoples of the world." "It is pure illusion to think that making certain concessions will place Soviet social-imperialism in a state of inaction. Soviet social-imperialism is a very avaricious wolf: the more the booty, the stronger its appetite. Munich is a proof," he noted.

Amancio Cabrero Ledesma, member of the Political Bureau of the Spanish Workers' Revolutionary Organization, denounced the Soviet Union for practising colonial rule in some East European countries. Furthermore, "the Soviet Union tries to expand its influence in Western Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia, South America — in all continents and regions of the world." "Daily events," he continued, "clearly show that the Soviet Union is not satisfied with its status quo, nor with the occupation of this or that local area. What the Soviet Union has all along considered is seizure of world hegemony."

Raymond Dronne, former Vice-President of the National Defence Commission of the French National Assembly, stressed that "the Europeans should realize the necessity for them to unite to cope with danger. It is absolutely necessary to realize European unity."

Hendrik Vaal Neto, a representative of an Angolan guerrilla organization, pointed out in his speech that Soviet imperialism acts in accordance with the strategy that "the conquest of Europe begins with the conquest of Africa," and "the occupation of Angola is the most important step in implementing this strategy."

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