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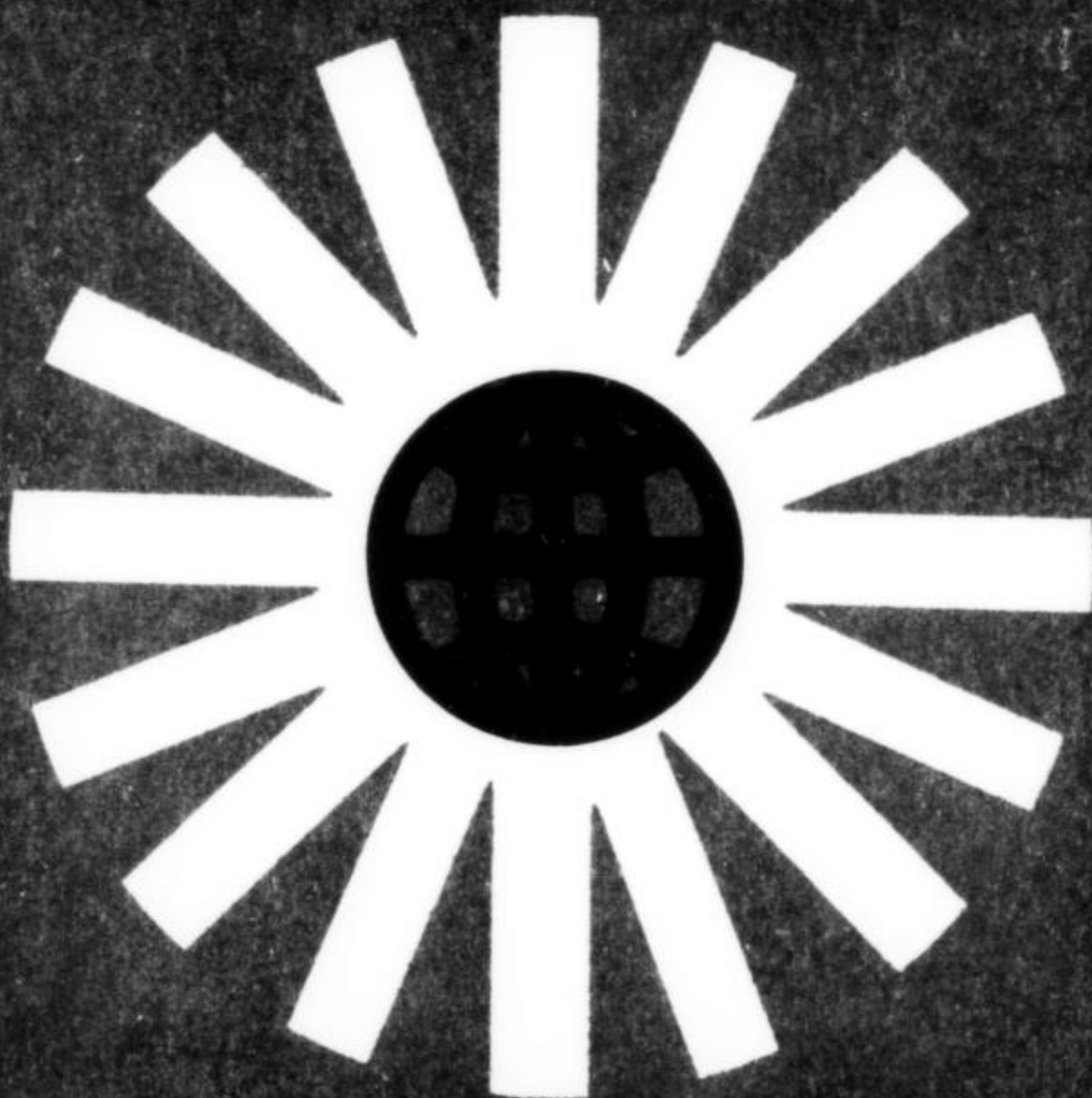
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VISIT TO THE USSR BY PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

IN HONOR OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE PRB

On November 13, a Party and government delegation from the People's Republic of Bulgaria headed by Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the CC BCP and Chairman of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, was guest of honor at a luncheon in the Grand Kremlin Palace given by the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and the Soviet government.

On the Soviet side the luncheon was attended by L. I. Brezhnev, G. I. Voronov, V. V. Grishin, A. P. Kirilenko, A. N. Kosygin, F. D. Kulakov, K. T. Mazurov, A. J. Pelshe, N. V. Podgorny, M. A. Suslov, P. E. Shelest, Y. V. Andropov, P. N. Demichev, B. N. Ponomarev, M. S. Solomentsev, D. F. Ustinov, I. V. Kapitonov, K. F. Katushev, M. Holov, Deputy Chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, N. K. Baibakov, Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, V. E. Dimshitz, V. A. Kirillin, M. A. Lesechko, V. N. Novikov, I. T. Novikov, L. M. Smirnov, N. A. Tikhonov, A. P. Shitikov and J. S. Nasriddinova, Chairmen of the USSR Supreme Soviet Chambers, M. P. Georgadze, Secretary of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, Ministers of the USSR, top executives of the CC CPSU and other officials.

A speech was made by L. I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC CPSU.

SPEECH* BY COMRADE L. I. BREZHNEV

Dear Comrade Zhikov!
Dear Comrade Traikov!
Dear Comrade Todorov!
Dear Bulgarian friends!

It gives me great pleasure to cordially greet you on behalf of the CPSU Central Committee, the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Soviet Government. We greet in your person all Communists and all working people of the fraternal socialist Bulgaria.

*Pravda, November 14, 1972.

The exchanges of Party and Government delegations have become a fine tradition in the socialist world. We meet, naturally, not for the sake of exchanging protocol pleasantries but to share experience in building the new society, to consider jointly current international problems, to consult each other and elaborate common positions on the entire range of problems concerning our cooperation, our common struggle for peace and socialism.

And today, too, we have discussed problems which are of great importance to our parties and countries. The results of the talks will undoubtedly provide a fresh impetus to the development of our cooperation for the benefit of socialism.

The Bulgarian comrades gave us a detailed account of how the resolutions of the 10th Congress of the BCP are being fulfilled. We are happy that the people of fraternal Bulgaria are making good progress in developing their economy and culture, raising living standards, and solving the entire range of tasks connected with the construction of a developed socialist society. The achievements of socialist Bulgaria are vivid evidence of the correct political course of the Bulgarian Communist Party and its loyal ally—the Bulgarian Agrarian People's Union.

The last few years have also been an important and challenging period for us, Soviet people. We are successfully following the road mapped out by the 24th CPSU Congress: a new technical base is being steadily provided for Soviet industry, and this process embraces both the heavy and the light industries; our agriculture is being supplied with the latest machinery and irrigation and land improvement are being carried out on a big scale.

As is well known, this year, because of the climatic conditions, has proved unprecedentedly complicated for our country. However, thanks to the measures taken by the Party and to the selfless efforts of the Soviet people, we have coped rather well with the difficulties. The population will be assured normal supplies. Our agriculture has at its disposal the opportunities for successful work to assure next year's harvest.

There is every ground to say that the effectiveness of our social production has, on the whole, considerably increased. This makes it possible to implement the major measures planned by the Party Congress for bettering the life of the people, which form the core of the economic policy of our Party and constitute the main task of the Ninth Five-Year Plan.

Our country is now on the threshold of a big celebration—the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Preparing to mark this outstanding date

vinced that they will honor their commitments. This will be a fine contribution to the holiday of the entire people and to the cause of communist construction.

Our achievements, like the achievements of other socialist countries, are inseparable from the fraternal cooperation which is developing within the framework of the socialist community both on a bilateral and a multilateral basis.

Fidelity to the principles of socialist internationalism makes it possible for us to combine organically the national and the international interests of our countries. We have one common goal. We have linked our destiny forever with the cause of Lenin, with the cause of socialism. The friendship between the Soviet Union and socialist Bulgaria is pure as crystal, and nothing can mar it.

Developing comprehensive relations between the USSR and Bulgaria, we always take the common interests of the socialist countries into account. Our friends in the fraternal countries and our class brothers all over the world have cause for many a kind word about Bulgarian and Soviet Communists, about our fidelity to our internationalist duty and about everything that we are doing to fortify the positions of world socialism and to strengthen universal peace.

Our position in international affairs is definite and clear cut. We have always sided and shall continue to side with those who struggle against oppression and aggression, for freedom, peace and social progress. We have always been and shall remain irreconcilable to any aggressive manifestation of the policy of imperialism, which remains invariably hostile to the cause of the genuine liberation of nations. At the same time, true to Lenin's precepts, we are vigorously working to establish in international relations the principles of peaceful coexistence of states, in spite of the difference in their social systems, and to ensure that disputes between states are settled without the use of force, by means of negotiations. And we are convinced that by defending the cause of lasting peace on earth, the countries of socialism express the will and the hopes of the nations of the whole world.

The consistent and principled foreign policy, which we conduct together with the fraternal socialist countries, is yielding tangible results.

Our Party has been constantly giving much attention to the problems of ensuring European security. The reasons for this are quite understandable if we take into account the role of Europe in world affairs.

The persistent and vigorous work conducted for a number of years by

operation is well known. Our countries were the first to put forward the idea of calling such a conference and formulate the realistic proposals aimed at the strengthening of European peace. Multilateral consultations between the European states, the USA and Canada are to start in Helsinki in a few days, the aim being to establish a concrete date and procedure for the holding of the conference.

We welcome this transition to practical preparations for an all-European conference, which, we are convinced, should and can make an important contribution to the strengthening of the foundations of European peace and cooperation for many years ahead.

The idea of strengthening peace in Europe is winning more and more new adherents. The meetings held in recent years with the leaders of France, the FRG, the USA and a number of other capitalist countries also convince us of this fact.

Our relations with the FRG are different than they were several years ago. Much work has been done to develop them. Economic cooperation holding out good prospects has made considerable headway. Major and very promising projects that are likely to bring sizeable benefits to both sides are afoot. Consultations on international problems are also being arranged and, we may add, quite usefully. In short, there exist pre-requisites for the ascendant development of Soviet-West German relations. And all this became possible thanks to the fact that a definite basis for mutual trust in the relations between the USSR and the FRG has been established.

Of course, there are forces in West Germany today, too, which are very active and which cannot accept détente and the strengthening of European peace. They would like to push things back to the time of cold war, tension and the factual international isolation of the FRG. But how can such a policy, which is fundamentally opposed to the spirit of the times and the main trend in the modern development of international relations, meet with understanding in the Europe of today?

The political treaties which the Soviet Union and Poland concluded with the FRG have become an important turning point in the general process of a European détente. The fact that the governments of the GDR and the FRG have now agreed upon the text of a treaty, which determines the principles of relations between the two states is, without doubt, a fresh contribution to the cause of a healthier political climate on the continent.

The treaties of the Soviet Union and Poland with the FRG, the agreement of the four powers on West Berlin and the initialling of the Treaty on the Principles of Relations Between the GDR and the FRG—all this signified a gain

involved. All Europe, all nations benefited

in a number of regions of the world, the same, unfortunately, cannot be said about the Middle East. The situation there continues to remain unsatisfactory and fraught with new explosions. There is but one way to the settlement: ending the aggression and withdrawing all Israeli troops from the occupied Arab lands. In the meantime Israel, flushed with impunity and relying on the support of U.S. imperialism, continues to ignore the demands of world public opinion and the UN resolutions. Israel has not ceased its bandit provocations against the neighbouring Arab states.

But this is not the time when aggressors can comfortably triumph. History will never reprove them and the aggressors should give serious thought to what history's verdict will be. The peace-loving states and nations must and will achieve an end to aggression and the restoration of peace in the Middle East. We have no doubts but that the legitimate rights of the Arab peoples will be restored.

Dear Bulgarian friends!

You have before you a trip around the Soviet Union and meetings with the working people of our country. We are convinced that Soviet people will accord, as always, the most cordial welcome to our guests from fraternal socialist Bulgaria. We wish you an interesting and fruitful journey.

Permit me to offer a toast to the health of Comrades Todor Zhivkov, Georgi Traikov, Stanko Todorov and to the health of all our dear Bulgarian guests.

For the further development of Soviet-Bulgarian cooperation in all fields!

For fresh successes of the socialist community!

Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the BCP Central Committee and Chairman of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, spoke after Comrade L. I. Brezhnev.

SPEECH* BY TODOR ZHIVKOV

Dear Comrade Brezhnev!
Dear Comrade Podgorny!
Dear Comrade Kosygin!
Dear Comrades!</

ernment for inviting our Party and Government delegation to visit the Soviet Union, and also our sincere gratitude to Comrade Leonid Illyich Brezhnev for his kind words said here about the Bulgarian Communist Party, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Bulgarian people and Bulgarian-Soviet friendship.

Dear Comrades,

I take special pleasure in conveying, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, the State Council and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, ardent and fraternal greetings from Bulgarian Communists and all the people of Bulgaria to you, and in your person to the glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the fraternal Soviet people.

For Bulgarian Communists and all Bulgarian people, friendship and alliance between the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a historical destiny and a guarantee of our national independence, unhindered and rapid development towards socialism, the immutable basic law of proletarian and socialist internationalism. It will soon be thirty years that Bulgaria boldly and with confidence took the road blazed by the Soviet Union.

Relying on the great Soviet Union with boundless trust, we drew on the rich experience of the Party of Lenin and in a comparatively short historical period were able to overcome the age-old backwardness, cover the period of transition from capitalism to socialism, create a socialist agriculture and build a modern socialist industry. As a result of these historic achievements, last year the 10th Congress adopted a broad program of the Bulgarian Communist Party for building a developed socialist society in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian people are realizing the 10th Congress decisions in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and broad emulation movement. We have fulfilled the plan for the first year of the sixth five-year plan and are successfully fulfilling the 1972 plan. The scale and effectiveness of material production are constantly increasing and the volume of industrial production is growing rapidly. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, the harvesting is being successfully completed due to good organization and the efforts of all the people, and we expect to end the year with good results in agriculture.

Our people are rightfully proud of their socialist achievements. We realize, however, that in great measure we owe our successes to the Bulgarian Communist Party's undeviating policy of broadening and deepening cooperation, socialist economic integration and international division of labor between the countries of the socialist

The close ties between Bulgaria and the Soviet Union are accompanied by frequent contacts, meetings and negotiations between Party and state leaders of our two countries. Bulgarian delegations often visit the Soviet Union. And now, as always, we set foot on Soviet soil with a feeling of great joy and agitation. For us, meetings with Soviet people, with you and Party and state leaders of the great fraternal Soviet land are both official talks and negotiations, a school of socialist building, a source of inspiration to our people and a deeply significant event for every one of us. In the history of our fraternal relations there has not been a single case when our thoughts and aspirations, our positions on all questions and the problem of friendship and cooperation between Bulgaria and the Soviet Union, the world Communist and workers' movement, the socialist community and the international situation did not fully coincide.

Bulgarian delegations at all levels have always departed from the Soviet Union with feelings of deep satisfaction with contacts with Soviet comrades, with a growing realization that we have identical goals and tasks and that in this world we are advancing shoulder to shoulder, arm in arm.

The point and purpose of our present visit to the USSR and of the talks we are conducting with a Soviet Party and Government delegation is, briefly speaking, to find the best and most effective means of strengthening and developing our all-round cooperation and friendship.

We should like to stress with deep satisfaction that now, as always, we have met with the full understanding and support of the Soviet Party and government leaders on all present and future problems tackled by the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the people of Bulgaria.

Comrades, the Communist parties and governments of Bulgaria and the Soviet Union hold wholly identical views on all aspects of the present international situation. And this was again confirmed at the talks between the two delegations. From the very beginning our Party regarded as its own the Peace Program adopted by the 24th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. We think highly of the untiring and consistent activity of the Soviet Party and state leaders to implement it as fully as possible. And our Party and our country are contributing to this effort to the best of their ability.

The foreign policy program and activities of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet government are permeated with their inherent and invariable class internationalist approach and no anti-Soviet slanderous inventions of the imperialist reactionaries and opportunists of all shades can credit in the eyes of

the working people of the world the consistent and principled Leninist

Balkan countries and peoples. Our efforts are yielding positive results that facilitate a climate of trust and

Soviet Union, between the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be a further step in the development of bilateral cooperation and also in the consolidation of the unity of the countries in the socialist community, which is of decisive significance for the further building of socialism in our countries and for fresh successes in the struggle on the international arena.

I would like to assure you, dear Soviet comrades, that our people and our Party will always be true to their internationalist obligations and will undeviatingly march in the united ranks of the countries of the socialist commonwealth, shoulder to shoulder with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the fraternal Soviet people.

Allow me to propose a toast:

To the glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union and its Leninist Central Committee!

To the health of Comrade Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC CPSU!

To the health of Nikolai Viktorovich Podgorny, Chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet!

To the health of Alexei Nikolayevich Kosygin, Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers!

To the health of all Soviet leaders and Soviet comrades present here!

To the heroic Soviet people, for their happiness and fresh successes in building communism!

To everlasting and indestructible Bulgarian-Soviet friendship!

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ON THE VISIT OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE SOVIET UNION

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strument for settling urgent political international problems in the interests of strengthening peace and international security.

The Soviet and Bulgarian delegations stated, that, on the basis of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance concluded in Sofia in 1967, a large amount of work has been done to deepen Soviet-Bulgarian cooperation in various fields. In the opinion of the sides, the negotiations which took place and the measures envisaged for the further development of traditional friendship between the CPSU and the BCP, between the Soviet and Bulgarian peoples, fully correspond to the interests of the USSR and the PRB, the interests of the socialist community as a whole.

The Soviet-Bulgarian talks passed in an atmosphere of cordiality, friendship and mutual understanding, and demonstrated anew the complete unanimity of views of the CPSU and the BCP, the governments of the USSR and the PRB on all questions under discussion.

On behalf of the BCP Central Committee, the State Council and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Party and Government delegation invited a Party and Government delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to come on an official friendly visit to the People's Republic of Bulgaria. The invitation was accepted with gratitude. The date of the visit will be agreed upon later.

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