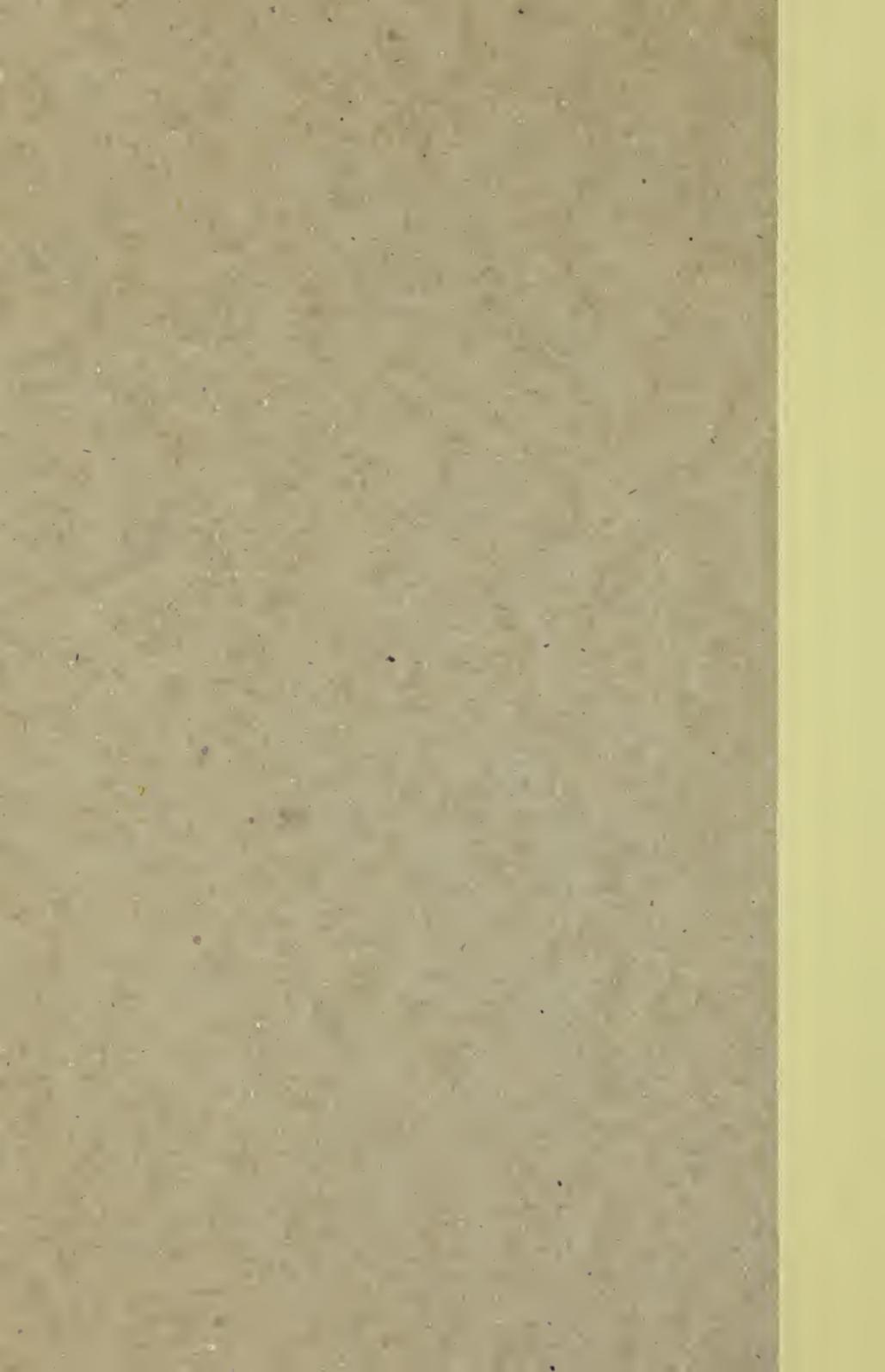


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Nicolae Ceaușescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, together with Gheorghe Pană, Ilie Verdeț and Iosif Banc, undertook a working visit to the Arad and Timiș counties, Western Romania, on July 2 and 3, 1970.

Everywhere he went - at industrial enterprises like the lathe plant and textile mill in Arad, the "Electromotor" works and the "Industria Lînei" textile mill in Timișoara, at the agricultural production cooperatives at Nădlac-Arad, Tomnatic and Biled-Timiș, at the "Avicola" state agricultural enterprise near Arad, the leader of the Party and of the State was greeted with joy, with the same rousing welcome manifest everywhere in this country any time he visits in order to get into direct touch with the concerns of the working people, to consult with workers, peasants, intellectuals, with the Party and State active, on the problems of socialist construction.

PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUȘESCU'S SPEECH AT CIVIC

RALLY IN ARAD

Dear Comrades,

First of all I want to extend to you all, the residents of the Arad municipality and county, warm greetings on behalf of the Party's Central Committee, the State Council and the Government of our socialist Republic. I also want to thank all those who have given us a warm welcome today, who have shown their affection for and devotion to the Party, to its leadership. We view this as an expression of the confidence and determination with which the whole people is implementing the Marxist-Leninist policy of our Communist Party.

I am highly pleased to be again visiting the residents of Arad. During my visits to the two local enterprises, to the agricultural cooperative and the state farm I have been able to note that these industrial and agricultural units - just as actually all the enterprises and farming units in Arad county - have obtained good results in their activity during the first six months of the year. I want to extend warm congratulations to the workers of Arad for their results in the fulfilment of the plan for the first half of the year.

Although the climatic conditions last spring were not favourable one can say that in agriculture, too, the workers, the experts and the cooperative farmers have made and continue to make sustained efforts to obtain a rich harvest. I want to congratulate them too, for their work.

As to education, the school-year ended recently and I must say that it has ended with good results. The intellectuals of Arad, as actually the intelligentsia all over the country, carry on an intensive work and make their

full contribution to shaping the younger generation, to training the future cadres for industry and agriculture, for all the sections of social life. That is why I want to congratulate all cultural and scientific workers, all the intellectuals of Arad for the results they are obtaining in their respective spheres of activity.

As you know, we have had a special situation in May owing to the big, I might say, catastrophic floods, which befell our country. These floods have affected scores of counties, hundreds upon hundreds of communes and villages, towns and enterprises; scores of thousands of dwellings have been destroyed and many farms. The damages amount to well-nigh ten thousand million lei; but it is difficult to list in terms of money everything that has been lost during this period. Of course, these natural calamities without precedent in the history of our homeland caused great damages to the homeland.

I want to mention, however, here too, at Arad - which has suffered by the natural disaster, and where under the leadership of the Party organization the population acted heroically and firmly managing thus to prevent more important damages to be caused to the town by the floods - that our whole people answered unanimously the Party's call and pooled efforts for surmounting the difficulties and ensuring the further development, at an intense rate, of our socialist homeland.

It is out of place to speak now a lot about what has happened. Known are the heroic fight and work of hundreds of thousands of our homeland's citizens - Romanians, Magyars, Germans and of other nationality - who, by acting jointly, succeeded in surmounting these difficulties. Our army, too, proved to stand up to its duty, answered the call of the Party and was in the front ranks of the fight against the raging waters. The patriotic detachments, the youth units also worked heroically and made an outstanding contribution

to overcoming difficulties caused by the floods. All this demonstrates one and the same thing: that our entire people, all the citizens of this country, regardless of nationality - workers, peasants, intellectuals, soldiers, the members of the patriotic detachments, the youth training units and children - have acted and continue acting in union in the struggle to overcome the difficulties brought about by the calamity, and for the steady progress of Romania, for the victory of socialism and communism in our homeland.

I cannot but single out once more the spirit of solidarity of our entire people which at the call of the Party have helped the population in the afflicted areas - with money, food and clothing - worked for repairing as soon as possible the units that had been damaged, in order to restore them soonest to production. This huge and unanimous expression of solidarity all over the country demonstrates the high socialist consciousness of our nation. In the years of building the new system our nation has become aware of the fact that only by its indestructible unity can it surmount any difficulty, can it successfully implement the programme of society's multilateral development, of increasing the welfare and happiness of the entire people.

I should also mention here the fact that under these difficult circumstances, the Party organizations, the communists, the organizations in communes and at enterprises, the county and town Party committees have permanently done their duty, they were in the van of the struggle waged by the working people, of the general efforts for limiting as much as possible the effects of the inundations and for ensuring a speedy remaking of the economic units and the resumption of the normal course of our entire activity. I want to warmly congratulate your Party organization, all the Party organizations throughout the county, the Arad county committee as well as all the other county committees, the communists up and down the country who have proved that they are closely

tied to the people, that the cause of the people, its happiness and welfare stands above all.

I think you will agree to my addressing thanks to the youth and women's organizations, to the trade unions which, too, were permanently doing their duty and did everything to make their contribution to surmounting the difficulties and restoring to life its normal course.

I also want to extend thanks to the working people of Arad who, working unremittingly for days on end, have managed to prevent the floods, as I want to thank actually all the inhabitants of the homeland for their activity, for the heroism and unity they have given proof of in these circumstances.

Of course, comrades, we have much to do in order to completely do away with the serious consequences of those catastrophic calamities. But we have the satisfaction to note that almost all industrial enterprises have resumed normal activity; likewise, most of the agricultural co-operatives have resumed work and started resowing the flooded areas as the waters gradually withdraw. We can say that we have already overcome most of the difficulties caused by floods. We still have much to do, but the results so far entitle us to affirm that it lies in our power to do away completely with the aftermaths of floods already this year, to implement in good conditions the industrial production plan, to ensure the implementation of the tasks we have set ourselves in agriculture and to obtain a harvest which should fully ensure the population's supply. In this way, we will completely fulfil the present Five-Year Plan and create a good basis for the next Five-Year Plan.

It is true, that in order to obtain these results we have to work more than eight hours a day; we have to work on Sundays, too, as well as on other legal holidays. But let us think over, comrades. What should we do after such losses? Should we fold arms and look to the skies, wait for God or

others to solve our problems? Or should we roll up our sleeves, as the saying goes and repair by our work, by our determination everything the waters have destroyed, ensure by resolute measures fulfilment of the programme of building the socialist and communist society in Romania? We have only one road: the road of resolute work to surmount the difficulties. Our unity and work, the unity and work of all the citizens of the homeland - Romanians, Magyars, Germans and of other nationality - led by the Party provide the guarantee of surmounting the difficulties, the guarantee that we will be able soon to forget the disaster we have endured.

I want to refer to the particularly gladdening fact that in these difficult circumstances, Romania felt support from the peoples of the socialist countries, from scores and scores of peoples throughout the world which, in one form or another, expressed their feelings of sympathy toward our people and gave assistance for overcoming the difficulties. We thank for these expressions, for the feelings of friendship, we thank the working people of the socialist countries, and all those who, on all meridians, addressed to us encouraging words and helped us. We view this as an expression of the sympathy our country enjoys as well as a valuation of the Romanian people's work, of our policy of peace and cooperation with all states of the world.

But what people expect - even abroad - is to see how the Romanians will manage to cope with these difficulties. Some have even wondered how many years would be needed to overcome the difficulties. It seems that those people are not quite aware of what a people - free and master of its destiny - is able to do, when it has such an organization and tested leader as is the Romanian Communist Party. We shall prove to all that this 20 million-strong people with its over two million communists is really able to do miracles

We shall remake already this year everything that got destroyed and will ensure the continued ascending advance of our country in all spheres of activity.

Dear comrades,

While concerning ourselves with our problems and difficulties, I have referred to, we did not forget and we do not forget for any moment that we must do everything to make our contribution to the cause of socialism and peace in the world. That is why even in these difficult circumstances the Party and our country's Government carried on an intense international activity; we know that the successes recorded in socialist construction, in the progress of our homeland, are indissolubly linked - and contribute - to strengthening the might of socialism in the world. Therefore we consider that there is a close, dialectical unity between the home and foreign policy, between the national and international tasks, and we are doing everything to contribute to a strengthened cooperation and unity of the socialist countries, of all progressive forces; we are cooperating with all the peoples in the struggle for peace and for the democratic development of mankind.

Of course, comrades there are still many unsettled problems in the world. Unfortunately, war is still killing every day many human beings in various parts of the globe. It seems that some teachings of history are being ignored as well as of developments from the evolution of the events in these last few years, which attest that gone are for ever the times of the unhampered oppression and domination over other peoples, that the colonialist, imperialist policy is doomed to failure, and that nothing in the world can make the peoples endure any more the yoke of foreign domination.

That is why the Romanian Communist Party, the Government of socialist Romania actively campaign for the entrenchment in international life of relations based on

the observance of national independence and sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs, on observance of each people's right to decide on its destiny by itself, without any outside interference. We are convinced that, in spite of those imperialist and reactionary forces which are still opposing their promotion, these principles will triumph and will become the foundation of the future coexistence of the world peoples.

We know that we must continue paying much attention to the socialist development of our homeland. We still have many problems to solve. We must work intensively in order to ensure the best possible management of economy, the implementation of the programme worked out by the National Conference concerning expanded economic democracy and an increased participation of the working people in the management of the enterprises and all sectors of activity. Our Party acts in order that all the measures and decisions related to both home development and foreign policy be taken with the agreement of our whole people, so that socialist democracy be truly the expression of the single will of the whole nation. We are doing everything in order to implement in the best of conditions the programme for the multilateral development of the country, the deepening of socialist democracy in our homeland.

I do not wish to speak now extensively about the national question. In fact about this question I have spoken here, one year ago, I think. All of you know how carefully the leadership of our Party is implementing the Marxist-Leninist principles of fully equal rights of all the citizens of the homeland. Only by implementing this full equality of rights in all spheres of activity can the successful building of socialism be ensured. Let us take, for instance the location of industry, the development of the productive forces on the whole territory; by this policy conditions are created for all citizens of the homeland to find jobs, to be

able to learn, to actually take part in the country's entire social life. This is the first problem linked to the achievement of equal rights of all the working people which we consistently implement. By the planned development of the economy we have raised many areas, many counties to level of industrialization one could not have dreamt of in the past.

The next Five-Year Plan will also include provisions for a powerful development of industry, agriculture, science and culture, throughout the country's territory. The implementation of these provisions will undoubtedly favour still more the advancement of all regions of the country. This will also contribute to strengthening the cohesion of all the working people, who convince themselves every day of the indissoluble unity between the words and deeds of the communists, of the fact that the socialist society we are building actually carries into effect the full equality of all working people, irrespective of nationality.

We are referring to all these issues because are an inseparable part of our efforts for building the new society, which has to be a society of social justice and equity, of the brotherhood of men, a society in which every citizen should be able to manifest to the full his aptitudes, his capabilities, a society in which the people, genuine master of its destinies, should freely build its own future.

Maybe someone might ask me: Why does Ceaușescu not speak also of the class enemy in Romania? Merely, comrades, because we have liquidated since long the exploiting classes, because power in Romania is in the hands of the workers, of peasants, intellectuals, of the people; everything that is being built in our homeland belongs to the people and there is no force able to endanger the socialist gains in our homeland.

Of course, by acting for the development of society, we must judge things thoroughly; that is why we seek the views of the working people; we must give ear to, understand and take into account these views. The fact that someone expresses a point of view on the way how we should build socialism better and quicker in our homeland is no danger to socialism; on the contrary, precisely in this lies the strength and vitality of socialism and communism. The whole people must have its say and seek the best ways for building the society that is meant to ensure welfare and happiness to all.

Naturally, as I have already said, in the process of working out the home and foreign policy, erroneous views can also be expressed. All we have to do is to discuss them, to prove the groundlessness of such opinions. We have to stand that our society cannot be accomplished without the builder of socialism having the possibility of thinking of freely expressing his opinion on the way in which we should better build the new system.

I am referring to all this, comrades, because the speeches made here, and especially the one of comrade Siclovan, a Party veteran, reminded me of our activity during the underground period, of the fact that then too we were the most consistent fighters for democracy, for the people's participation in governing society. Today, when we actually have to solve these problems, we have the obligation to the Party, to our Central Committee, to the people, to do everything so that the ideas of communism should materialize as dreamed by their authors - Marx, Engels and Lenin - as we have dreamed, who faced prisons and sometimes even bullets, aware of the fact that the communist society will be the society of the free man, master of his destiny.

Dear comrades,

I am reverting to the problems of Arad. We have

ere several matters that have to be solved in order to completely do away with the consequences of the floods. In fact, this catastrophe has shown us that more general measures have to be taken in order to prevent the waters from causing such damages in the future. These measures are being studied by the Central Committee, by the Government. We shall have to concern ourselves with dams, with heightening the old embankments, with building new ones. Hence, besides the measures stipulated by the national programme for irrigations and farmland improvement - endorsed last March - we shall have to take additional measures. Their achievement will require besides material efforts also much work; everybody must do his share in order to carry out the operations meant to make impossible the recurrence of losses such as this year. You in Arad, will also have such tasks.

We have finalized the Five-Year Plan and I must say, comrades that with all difficulties we have had, we have not put down the provisions set by the Tenth Congress; on the contrary, in the process of finalizing the plan we have reached increases in the development of some branches. We shall hence have a Five-Year Plan even somewhat bigger than outlined in the Directives of the Tenth Congress. We have every condition at hand to successfully achieve what we set ourselves; in 1975, Romania's development level will be much higher than the one of today, she will become a powerful force of the world socialist system, of the progressive movement in the whole world.

I express my conviction that the working people of Arad, at head with the Party organizations, will make their contribution also in the future to the implementation of the big tasks facing them. Before I conclude, I wish to say again that I appreciate the work done by the County Party Committee, by the First Secretary, who in these difficult circumstances have been at their post. I wholeheartedly wish you fresh successes in your activity, good health and much happiness.

PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH AT CIVIC RALLY
IN TIMISOARA

Dear Comrades,

First of all, I want to extend to you, to all the population of the Timișoara municipality and of Timiș county, a hearty salute from the Party's Central Committee, the State Council and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

It is a great pleasure for me to be visiting again Timișoara and other localities in your county, to meet the residents in these places, to meet the Party organization, and the County Committee. As a matter of fact it has become a fine tradition of the activity of our Party leadership to permanently meet and consult with the communists, with the Party organizations, with all working people, in order to find the best ways of carrying through the programme of many-sided development of our socialist society.

I want to thank all the comrades who have spoken here voicing their own as well as your feelings of gratitude and profound devotion to the Party, to our Central Committee. We view what has been said here, the reception extended to us in Timișoara - as also in the villages and enterprises we have visited - as an expression of your and the entire people's confidence in our Communist Party, in its Marxist-Leninist policy, as a mighty assertion of the determination of the mass of the people to firmly carry through the home and foreign policy of our State.

I have been to two enterprises in your city and I wish to state with satisfaction that at both of them I have noted remarkable progress along the line of modernization and the achievement of good quality production. The workers of the "Electromotor" works as also those of the "In-

"Austria linei" mill have achieved good results and strive to work ever better. In fact, the First Secretary of the county Party Committee has told us that the industrial output plan for the first half of the year has been fulfilled and topped by all the enterprises of Timiș county. I warmly congratulate the personnel of the enterprises I have visited today as well as all the workers of Timișoara and of Timiș county, for the results achieved in their activity.

In the difficult circumstances resulting from the raging waters, our working class has, as it always is, been in the van, has enthusiastically and with all its energies responded to the Party's call, worked heroically to limit the disastrous effects of the floods and to remake the enterprises, to resume normal activity as soon as possible. I have to declare with satisfaction that all over the country the gross output plan for the first six months has been fulfilled and overfulfilled, and an upwards 12 per cent rise over last year has been achieved.

We take pride in stating that we shall be able in the course of this year to heal the wounds caused by the inundations, to right all the damages, to fulfil the current Five-Year Plan under good conditions laying thus a firm foundation to the next five-year plan. We can be proud of the way in which our working class led by the communists is fulfilling its highly responsible role of leading force of the whole socialist nation.

I have visited two agricultural cooperatives - at Biled and Tombatic - and have seen from the helicopter a good deal of the crop. It is well known that Timiș county too, has suffered the consequences of the climatic conditions of last spring. But as far as I have been able to note, conditions are at hand for your county too, to recover much of the losses, to reap satisfactory crop contributing to ensuring the farmfood supplies to the population.

I have had the satisfaction to note that the cooperative farmers, the agricultural workers, the engineers and technicians are working enthusiastically, staunchly, to achieve bigger crops; they are resowing flooded land, are sowing second crops so that the initially planned provisions should be attained; some of the agricultural cooperatives have pledged to deliver some extra amounts of a series of farm-food produce to the central stock. The way in which the peasants of Timiș county and of all the other counties have answered the Party's call proves once more how magnificent is the cooperative peasantry of our country. As so often in the course of history, now, too, our peasantry is doing its duty to the full to the people, to the homeland. Therefore, I want to warmly congratulate the cooperative farmers, the other rural workers, all the peasants of Timiș county, for the wonderful work they are doing.

Timișoara is one of the large cultural centres of our homeland; a great many intellectuals are active in this city. It has well-appointed higher-learning and research institutes which boast of fine results of their activity. The academic year is just concluding and we may say that we have fine achievements in this sphere; the intellectuals of Timișoara have done their duty on the line of training the young generation. The local intelligentsia has also had a share in the good results recorded in industry as well as in agriculture. I want therefore to warmly congratulate for their fruitful activity the intellectuals of Timișoara who, just as all the cultural and scientific workers in this country, firmly implement the Party policy.

I have listened with particular interest to the speech made by a girl student on behalf of the youth and students. I have been particularly pleased to hear the commitment taken on behalf of the youth of Timișoara to do their utmost in order to contribute to the development and

flourishing of our homeland. We have a magnificent youth, who are firmly following the Communist Party's policy, a youth that equals its forerunners. The young people know that everything the Party and the Government are carrying through is designed to ensure increasingly high living standards to the entire people, to open increasingly broad prospects to the assertion of the younger generation in the work and struggle for the flourishing of the homeland, for the prosperity and happiness of the Romanian people, free and master of its destiny, builder of socialism and communism. Therefore, I want to warmly congratulate the youth of Timișoara and wish them new and new successes, and exhort them to work diligently so as to become good citizens of the homeland, ready at any moment to do everything, to give everything for the freedom and rise of socialist Romania.

I should also say a few words about the activity of women representing the majority of the population and who, in your county - just as throughout the country - are active and carry on fruitful work in factories and in agriculture, in education, in the research units, in all spheres of activity making a first-rate contribution to the homeland's progress. I want to congratulate them and wish them wholeheartedly fresh success in their activity! Our society creates conditions for the life of women, just as of the whole people, to be more and more plentiful and beautiful as are actually also the women of Romania.

It is well known that Romanians, Germans, Magyars, Serbs and working people of other nationalities are working jointly in your county; everything we are achieving in industry, agriculture, science and education, in all spheres of activity, is the outcome of joint effort. All the citizens of the homeland - regardless of nationality - act in unison, led by the Party, so as to make their country richer and richer.

We have achieved a wonderful relationship for all the citizens of the country, such as has never been and could not be in the past when exploiting classes were in power, those who sought to set the working people of different nationalities against each other in order to facilitate their oppression. Those times are gone for ever! With the abolition of the exploiting classes social and national inequality too have been abolished, the full equality of rights has been achieved for all the citizens of our homeland, their equal chance to assert themselves in all spheres of activity. In fact, it is only socialism that can create such conditions of full equality of all working people, regardless of nationality. We must do our utmost so as to constantly develop this unshakeable brotherhood, so that every working man, regardless of nationality, may proudly state: I am the citizen of a free, independent country, of a country proceeding resolutely along the path of socialism and communism.

I want to say a few words about the military of our Armed Forces who have made an important contribution to halting the torrents, to rehabilitation and the resumption of normal activity. The military units, the officers, the NCOs and men have proved that we have indeed a new army, issued from the ranks of the people, guided by one single aim - to selflessly serve in any circumstances the people, the socialist homeland. Therefore, I want to congratulate them and wish them fresh successes in their highly responsible activity.

I also want to refer to the activity conducted by the patriotic detachments, the military training units of youth, which alongside of the army have actively contributed to doing away with the effects of the inundations and which in general play an important part in strengthening the country's defence capacity, I want to congratulate them and wish

fresh achievements in their activity.

I also want to extend to you, citizens of the Timișara municipality and of Timiș county, warm congratulations for the way in which you have acted in the difficult circumstances we have endured, for the intensive activity, for your enthusiastic response to the call of the Party and Government, for removing the aftermaths of the floods.

I want to mention here the fruitful work done by the Party organization of Timișoara, of Timiș county, by the communists of enterprises, of agricultural cooperatives, of the educational establishments. In referring earlier to a category of working people, I implicitly referred to communists as well, for their activity is closely linked with that of the entire people, to all the successes won, to all the achievements recorded in all spheres of activity. Our achievements are also an outcome of the manner in which the communists make known and explain the Party policy to all the citizens of the homeland. I should also mention the good work done by the County Party Committee, by communists, the County First Secretary included, and congratulate them for their activity wishing them fresh success.

Of course, comrades, we still have big tasks ahead. We still have many difficulties to surmount, but the unity and firmness of our whole people - which have been forcefully tested under the recent special conditions, just as actually on other occasions too - make us believe that we shall get over the obstacles, that we shall steadfastly advance towards the realization of the programme mapped out by the Tenth Party Congress. We concern ourselves with providing to our country's development a most enduring economic basis, with seeing that the next Five-Year Plan should help moving Rumania closer to the economically advanced countries. We are paying much attention to the advancement of industry, of agriculture, of culture, science and culture, as we are aware of the fact that there can be no successful building of the many-sidedly

developed socialist society and of communism unless there is a strong industry and agriculture. That is why we are doing everything and will do everything to ensure a sustained rate of development to both industry and agriculture. We well know that socialism and communism themselves are an outcome of everything human thought has produced best, of everything more valuable science brought into being along the ages; precisely because socialism and communism incorporate mankind's most advanced achievements we are paying particular heed to scientific research. It is only on the basis of the most advanced science and culture that we shall be able to build socialism and communism, that we shall make our people truly master of its destiny, enabling it to building its future according to its will.

We have still many problems to solve in relation to an increasingly efficient organization of the various compartments of social life. You well know the Party and Government concerns for improving the management of economy and of the other compartments of activity, for expanding socialist democracy. You well know the Party leadership's permanent care for consulting the broad mass of the people, for finding in this way the best solutions to ensure the march onward of our society. Even this meeting now signifies a public consultation by which we can see to what extent the people understands and supports the home and foreign policy of our Party. I can say that on leaving here I have a profound feeling of satisfaction by noting that the population of Timișoara, as actually our entire people, firmly supports and carries through the Party's home and foreign policy.

Dear Comrades,

While concerning ourselves with the improvement and socialist development of our homeland, we also make our contribution to the cause of socialism throughout the world. We

now that the might of socialism the might of the world socialist system lies in the way in which each socialist country successfully solves the tasks of building the new system. The might of socialism and its influence in the world lies in the way in which the builders of socialism manage to overcome difficulties and provide a model of what can be achieved by a people free and master of its destiny. Therefore, we considered and continue to consider that there is a close dialectical unity between the national and the international tasks; only by viewing as a single whole these two facets of the activity of building a new system can the successful accomplishment of socialism and communism be ensured.

We are paying great attention to the relations of collaboration and cooperation with all the socialist countries and act for getting over the divergencies and difficulties existing today in the world socialist system, as we are convinced that the unity of the socialist countries can exercise a powerful influence on the whole development of society. We actively campaign for the relations between the socialist countries to be based consistently on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, on fully equal rights, observance of national independence and sovereignty, on mutual esteem and trust. It is only in this way that we will succeed in making the world socialist system a fraternal-like power of society's development.

We are also preoccupied with the development of good relations with all the states of the world. We are aware of the fact that the ensuring of peace must be the outcome of the contribution of all peoples, of all the progressive forces; we consider that relations of cooperation between all peoples of the world should be based on the observance of national independence and sovereignty, of non-interference in the internal affairs. We are convinced of the necessity

that an end be put in international life, to the policy of strength and dictate, that threat and interference in the internal affairs be renounced and a policy of respect and cooperation be promoted in order to ensure the possibility to each nation to decide its fate, according to its own will. We are convinced that these principles will triumph in international life, that the imperialist and neocolonialist policy is doomed to failure, that mankind will build its future of peace by fighting those who try to prevent it from building this future.

We want to see security achieved on the European continent, and new relations established, which should exclude force and interference in the internal affairs of peoples. Therefore we are acting for the convening of the European conference that should lead to the attainment of this desideratum of all the peoples on the Continent. We are convinced that the European peoples, the progressive forces can and will obtain the implementation of security on the Continent.

We want an end to the war in Indochina, as well as the war in the Near East; we want action for the achievement of general disarmament, and first of all of nuclear disarmament; we want to contribute to the achievement of a policy of peace and cooperation among peoples, as we consider that this accords with both the interests of the Romanian people and of all the world peoples. We will continue to act firm on this line.

In concluding I would like to emphasize once more that we will have to do intensive work in the months to come. I am sure, however, that the working people of Timișoara and of Timiș county, together with the entire people, will do everything so as to overcome the difficulties, to carry through the big tasks facing us. Therefore, I want to wish you all new and new successes in your activity.

Allow me, please, to thank you for the words that have been said here in relation to myself, for the confidence you have shown in me. I view it as an expression of the confidence in the Party leadership. I want to assure you, comrades, that our Party leadership and myself shall do our utmost to equal the trust of the Party and of the people, so that our country should grow stronger and stronger, ever richer, that our people should assert itself as a free and independent socialist nation.

I wish you all good health and a great deal of happiness.



