

General Declaration of the Executive Secretariat of the OSPAAAL

In the City of Havana, Cuba, Free Territory of America, and complimenting the resolutions of the First Tricontinental Conference of the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America, held in this city from the 3rd. to the 15th. of January of the present year, in which 82 countries were represented, today, May 31st. 1966, the Executive Secretariat of the Organization of Solidarity of the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America is constituted, composed of the representatives of the peoples of Cuba (Secretary General), Venezuela, Porto Rico, Dominican Republic, Chile, United Arab Republic, Guinea, Portuguese Colonies in Africa, Con-

go (Leopoldville), Popular Democratic Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Syria and South Vietnam.

In the five months that have elapsed between that historic occurrence and the constitution of this Executive Secretariat, the World Events have evidenced that the Conference was totally correct in its appraisal of the increasingly aggressive character of imperialism, its just pronouncements relative to the anxiety for progress and decision to struggle for freedom of the peoples of the three continents; the need for active solidarity between the countries who have not yet attained liberation and those who, having already

taken this historic step, are still subjected to the interventionist imperialist policy of pressure, aggression, blockade and blackmail, just as imperialism realizes that it is fated to disappear from the scene of history, vanquished by the victorious struggle of the masses.

The fruitful conclusion of the First Tricontinental Conference, at the same time that it has aroused the unanimous enthusiasm of the people, has also provoked the most furious reactions of imperialism, especially of Yankee imperialism and its satellites, caused by the defeat imposed on them by the success of the great Havana meeting; the unprecedented event of an enormous assembly of Anti-Imperialist Movements of the Three Continents, which have suffered most the exploitation of their riches and been most deeply wounded in their dignity.

The reaction of imperialism to this event of tremendous revolutionary importance is evidence of its fear that as a consequence of this meeting, the struggle of the peoples for their liberation may be hastened and become more effective, so that revolutionary militance will be increasingly extended throughout the three continents, the ideological level of the masses will be raised, the falsehoods and slanders of imperialist propaganda will be destroyed. The Imperialists are aware that the Tricontinental Conference is a step of considerable significance, and that it constitutes an irreversible event in the history of the liberation of humanity.

At this time, Yankee imperialism and its lackeys, the British, French, the West Germans, Belgian, Dutch and Japanese Imperialists, the Portuguese colonialists and Israel, who is a tool of imperialism, have



increased their aggression to the peoples who are fighting for their liberation and the maintenance of their independence and sovereignty. An uninterrupted chain of interventions and aggressions, with a total disregard of world public opinion; the repression and mass murders in Indonesia; the overthrow of the popular government in Ghana; the maintenance of North American military occupation in the Dominican Republic, against the wishes of the people; the intensification of the bombings in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; the increased aggression and the policy of extermination applied to the people of South Vietnam; the armed aggression against the people of Cambodia and Laos; provocations against the People's Republic of China, Syria and the Republic of Guinea, as well as occupied South Yemen and the most recent of its aggressions and provocations against the Cuban people, perpetrated from the Guantanamo Naval Base, located in territory usurped from Cuba, are some of the desperate measures taken by imperialism, in its frantic career of criminal deeds.

This Secretariat expresses its most energetic condemnation of these crimes, aggressions and provocations, which are the faithful evidence of the fascist character taken by imperialism. At the same time we point out with joy that, regardless of imperialist violence, the people continue to increase their fight, bringing nearer the time of final victory. In the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, imperialism has received very hard blows, and has failed in its policy of intimidating the people, who recently surpassed the mark of 1,000 Yankee planes destroyed, which constitu-

tes a tremendous victory for all the people of the world. In South Vietnam, regardless of the continuous increase of the Army of Occupation, the imperialists failed in their "dry season" campaign and the patriotic forces have obtained new victories, vanquishing an increasing number of Yankee soldiers and satellite troops; it is necessary to point out and salute the increase of the political struggle in the cities of South Vietnam, which has strengthened the popular movements, and places the enemy in an even more precarious position.

In Laos the patriotic forces secure each day greater victories, repealing the continued offensive of the Yankees and their satellites. The brave Cambodian people oppose the most firm resistance to the continuous aggressions of the imperialists. In Yemen, Aden, and North Kalimantan, the revolutionary movements remain firm. In Africa, the imperialist manoeuvres to quench the armed struggles of the movements of liberation of the Portuguese Colonies and the Congo (Leopoldville) have failed miserably. Likewise, the African people have unmasked and defeated several attempted coups d'état, planned by imperialist subversion, bent on reconquering the African Continent.

In Latin America, the people of Santo Domingo have progressed in the struggle for self-determination and against Yankee occupation. We greet the advances of the patriotic forces of Guatemala, who have unmasked the recent electoral farce and have turned their armed struggle into a clear perspective of victory for the people. In Venezuela, Peru and Colombia, the attempts of the

puppets of imperialism to annihilate the revolutionary armed struggle, have met with defeat. In Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Argentine, Uruguay, Ecuador, Chile, South Rhodesia, Uganda and South Africa, as well as in other countries, the struggle of the popular masses has obtained a vigorous impulse, which permits the revolutionary movements to be in a better position to attain its objectives. Concurring with the Tricontinental Movement, the Popular Movements in the three continents have taken on renewed activity; among these, the fight of the people of North America against racial discrimination and the war in Vietnam are outstanding.

The Executive Secretariat, in the name of the peoples of the three continents, expresses its firmest support and unconditional assistance to these just struggles; pays heartfelt homage to the martyrs who have given their lives for the liberation of their countries; expresses its warmest solidarity with all revolutionaries who are prisoners, and sends its militant greetings of stimulation to the heroic fighters of Africa, Asia and Latin America, especially to the heroic people of Vietnam, whose epic and victorious battle is today the core of anti-imperialist struggle, constituting a spring of inspiration, a lesson and a fountain of renewed faith for all the people of the world.

This panorama, from which imperialist violence can be observed in all latitudes, and the revolutionary conscience, which is present in all the exploited countries, gives greater historic stature to the First Tricontinental Conference, and binds and stimulates the Organization that is being constituted today in the Socialist and Revolutionary Cuba.

In order to carry out the objectives assigned to this Organization, we energetically appeal to all the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America and of the world, exhorting them to cooperate actively with the Executive Secretariat of the OSPAAAL to unite, coordinate and further the struggle of the people against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism; to supply effective support to the movements of the countries who fight, not only to maintain and consolidate their liberation, but also to attain it, conquering their independence and national sovereignty, and thus achieve world peace and social progress.

Finally, we DECLARE:

That we will dedicate our greatest endeavors to fulfill successfully, the historic responsibility entrusted to us by the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America, in the First Tricontinental Conference of Solidarity.