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THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a Joint Statement by  
the Governments of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic  
Republic, the Polish People's Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist  
Republics, dated 10 October 1960, on the intensification of militarist and  
revanchist activities in West Germany.

Please have the text of this statement circulated as an official  
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Gravely concerned for the peaceful future of Europe, the Governments of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics address this statement to the peoples and Governments of all States in the face of the increasing threat to peace which is again being engendered by German militarism and revanchism, today resurgent in West Germany.

Recent events show that the military preparations of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany have entered a new and dangerous stage, characterized by the desire to obtain weapons of mass destruction at all costs and by intensified efforts to implant a spirit of revanchism in the West German population so as to prepare it ideologically for military adventures.

After first making importunate demands for the revision of the Paris Agreements, which contained a number of provisions imposing restrictions on the Federal Republic of Germany, and concluding secret arrangements with the leading NATO Powers for the delivery to the Bundeswehr of certain types of rockets, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Bundeswehr leaders have now openly and in the form of an ultimatum raised the question of the transfer to them of all types of modern weapons, in particular, of nuclear-rocket weapons.

These malevolent demands have been voiced in the so-called "Generals' Memorandum", which has the full support of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and of Chancellor Adenauer personally. The conscription of all members of the population fit for military service, the complete and wholly unrestricted arming of the Bundeswehr with nuclear and rocket weapons and bomber aircraft, the creation of a powerful navy without any restrictions as to tonnage and military equipment, and the deployment of armed forces, with military stores and other installations, in NATO territories far beyond the frontiers of the Federal Republic of Germany - such is the programme for the all-embracing militarization of their

country proposed in this memorandum by former Nazi generals. In seeking to carry into effect this programme of the West German military clique, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is openly defying the peace-loving peoples, which are making every effort to achieve an agreement on general and complete disarmament, the idea of which has been approved by the United Nations.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is attempting to cloak its demands for the equipment of the Bundeswehr with weapons of mass destruction with allegations of a "communist threat". But the peoples of Europe have learned well enough, from their own experience, the wolfish propensities of German militarism. They have heard such talk before and know what its outcome can be.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has openly proclaimed the forcible absorption of the German Democratic Republic and the seizure of territories from Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union as the basic aims of its policy. It carries on continuous, hostile, inflammatory propaganda against these countries.

Vast effort and funds are being expended by the Adenauer Government to implant revanchist sentiments among the West German population. The Press, the radio, television and the cinema, all the propaganda media are being placed in the service of this aim. The poisoning of the population's mind with the venom of revanchism begins in the schoolroom and is carried on at higher educational establishments and in undertakings and institutions. Scores, nay hundreds, of local societies, boards, leagues and other associations are at work in the country, systematically organizing meetings and demonstrations under slogans that call for the restoration of the "great German Reich" and the annexation of the territories of East European States. These organizations, headed as a rule by former prominent Nazis and war criminals, are actively supported and financed by Government agencies of the Federal Republic of Germany. Bonn Ministers not infrequently go to the length of taking part personally in revanchist mob rallies. The incendiary utterances of Chancellor Adenauer, who constantly calls for preparedness to seize the territories of others to the east, are known to all. Public indignation and alarm were recently aroused all over the world by statements of Vice-Chancellor Erhard

and Ministers Merkatz and Seehofer in which claims were put forward to Polish and Czechoslovak lands. All this goes to show that Bonn has now raised revanchism to the rank of official State policy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The realities of the matter are not altered by the fact that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, in view of the negative attitude of world public opinion to its aspirations after the territory of other States, is trying to cloak the aggressive essence of its policy with phrases about the "peaceful" review of the Germany frontier question. But who can take such assertions seriously; whom can they deceive? The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany knows perfectly well that the States whose territory it claims will never consent to a change in their frontiers for the benefit of German militarists, or allow themselves to be drawn into bargaining over this issue. Nevertheless, not content with persisting in its importunities, it is also striving to reinforce them by pressing on with armament by every possible means. In the circumstances, the only possible inference is that the ruling circles in the Federal Republic of Germany count on achieving their expansionist aims through the use of force - by armed conflict.

As the Bundeswehr grows and gains in strength, the activity of the West German revanchists is taking on an increasingly challenging and dangerous character. Not content with the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany, they are seeking to use West Berlin, situated in the centre of the German Democratic Republic, for their provocative purposes. The demands of the West German military clique are becoming more and more insolent and uncompromising. The policy of the ruling circles in the Federal Republic of Germany is more and more sharply and distinctly exhibiting features characteristic of Germany's policy on the eve of the Second World War. The rulers of the Germany of that day also demanded rights to "parity" of armaments; they also vociferated in heart-rending terms about the "communist threat"; they corrupted the minds of the Germans with ideas of revenge and called for the conquest of living space in precisely the same way. Everyone knows what the outcome was. Fascist Germany, having armed itself to the teeth, ultimately plunged mankind into a universal bloody slaughter which doomed the peoples, including the German people to tremendous misery and suffering.

And if today the revanchists have again begun to raise their voices loudly, if German militarism is again gathering strength and threatening to disrupt the peaceful life of the peoples, this has been made possible only by the short-sighted and dangerous policy pursued towards Germany every since the war by the ruling circles of the three Western Powers, in particular the United States. It was they who, in flagrant defiance of the solemn obligation they had undertaken, together with the Soviet Union, to do everything possible to ensure that Germany would never again threaten its neighbours or the preservation of peace throughout the world, welcomed the West German militarists to their military groupings and gave them their blessing for the establishment of one of the most powerful armies in Western Europe. It was they who, hardly had they concluded the Paris Agreements, began to remove one after the other even those insignificant formal limitations which those Agreements had placed on the armaments of the Federal Republic of Germany. It was none other than the United States Government that insisted on the adoption, in December 1957, of a decision to equip the NATO forces, including the Bundeswehr, with modern weapons and thus laid the foundations for the rearmament of the Federal Republic of Germany with rocket and nuclear weapons. It is the Pentagon which is hastening to hand over strategic "Polaris" rockets to the Hitlerite generals, who are already boasting that with these weapons they will be able to keep in their sights the vitally important centres of neighbouring States. It was recently announced that General Norstad, the commander of the NATO forces in Europe, had supported the demand of the West German military clique to be given the right to build warships of sufficient tonnage to be equipped with heavy rocket weapons carrying atomic warheads.

Thanks to the complicity of the Western Powers in the militarization of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Bundeswehr is now with increasing persistence claiming the role of the leading NATO military force in Europe. Militarist circles in West Germany are no longer willing to content themselves merely with the "narrow confines of the Federal Republic of Germany", but are seeking to have the military facilities and units of the Bundeswehr stationed throughout Western Europe, in order to bind the European countries more firmly to their own military chariot and to subordinate them to the war preparations of the Federal Republic of Germany. As a result, the Federal Republic of Germany's

present military bloc allies may at any moment, and even against their will, find themselves involved in a military conflict whose object is the realization of the West German revanchists' criminal plans.

The Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom and France pretend not to notice the scale which revanchist activities have reached in West Germany. Nor have they uttered a word about the impudent claims put forward in the "Generals' Memorandum". If this conceals the intention of continuing the policy of pandering to West German militarism and revanchism, then the Governments of these States will have to accept full responsibility for the grave consequences which this policy will inevitably engender.

The Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom and France, and the Governments of the other European States which have bound themselves to the Federal Republic of Germany by military commitments, should remember the fate which befell the countries that had been engaged in rearming Nazi Germany on the eve of the Second World War, and the price in blood which their peoples had to pay for their Governments' criminal Munich policy.

If the Governments of Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Poland and the Soviet Union are raising with every possible sharpness the question of the threat to peace from West German militarism, this is clearly not because of any fear of the latter's insane plans. The countries of the socialist camp have all the necessary means to offer a crushing rebuff to any aggressor.

But to permit the militarist forces in the Federal Republic of Germany today to acquire possession of nuclear-rocket weapons would mean tomorrow to face the direct threat of their resorting to the use of these weapons in order to achieve their revanchist aims; and this would not only spell the ruin of West Germany but would also inflict unprecedented sufferings on other peoples in the world.

Now more than ever before, the most resolute action on the part of all peace-loving peoples is called for to put an end to the criminal playing with fire which is being organized by the West German revanchists.

A most important step in that direction would be the conclusion of a peace treaty with the two German States. The Governments of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are prepared to conclude such a treaty. They are firmly convinced that a positive solution will be found to the question of a peaceful settlement with Germany, including the problem of West Berlin; and the sooner this comes to pass the better it will be for the cause of peace in Europe and for the German people itself.

The Governments of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics call upon the peoples and the Governments of all countries, in particular those which took part in the war against Nazi Germany, to avert by joint efforts the threat to peace emanating from German militarism and revanchism, to prevent the armament of the Bundeswehr with nuclear-rocket weapons, and to do everything necessary to secure without delay the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany, thereby ensuring peace and the security of the peoples of Europe.

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