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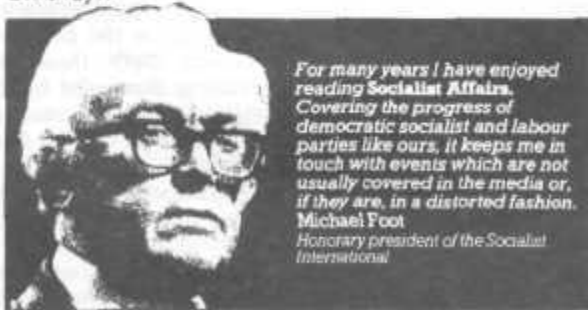
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Mikhail Gorbachev's speech at international meeting

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, made a speech at the meeting of representatives of parties and movements participating in the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the October socialist revolution. The meeting opened in Moscow on November 4.

Esteemed comrades and friends,

My greetings to you again - this time as participants in our meeting, which is unusual from all points of view, and reflects the deep-going changes in the world of today.

When the mighty revolutionary wave receded, Lenin realised earlier than others the whole complexity of the movement to the goals which, as it seemed to many, the October Revolution had brought so much closer. His new economic policy concept shifted his idea of peaceful coexistence (peaceful cohabitation) from the initially purely political, even diplomatic, sphere into the sphere of the epoch's fundamental laws.

Challenging

Later, it is true, other notions would gain ascendancy at times, but now we have once and for all overcome the attempts at trifling with history, when, at times, we believed what we wanted to believe rather than what there was.

The specific features in the development of the world that had been accumulating and maturing in the postwar period became clearly visible in the 1980s.

This applies, first of all, to the specific features of the nuclear era, which has pushed to the forefront the problem of humanity's very survival. This also applies to the complication of world-wide economic ties, the greater interdependence of all countries and nations, the world's emergence as an integral whole in a setting of diversity and contradictions - all this being stimulated by the ongoing scientific and technical revolution.

Finally, this applies to the exacerbation of the global problems that are challenging man's biological ability to adapt to the dangers, rates and stresses of modern living.

All this brings out new elements in the idea of peaceful coexistence, requiring that political movements re-examine and reconsider their tasks, and overcome prevailing ideological schemes and stereotypes.

That is not easy to do. No one has any ready-to-use principles. As we set forth our concepts of the new way of thinking, we do not in the least claim a monopoly on the truth: we are engaged in search ourselves, and invite others to look jointly for the ways along which humanity could cross the minefield of our times and emerge in the 21st century, in a nuclear-free and non-violent world.

Certainly, in the historical perspective, it is socialism - of this we are convinced - that will make the decisive contribution to overcoming the critical elements that have arisen in the onward march of our civilisation.

Perestroika

The fact that living socialism is so far trailing behind capitalism in technological development has delayed our understanding of the ongoing processes. The conditions for overcoming this



lag are taking shape as perestroika, the revolutionary reorganisation of socialist society, makes headway, as socialist society attains a qualitatively new state. Yet it is this society, the society of tomorrow, that represents the higher type of socialism that will help those who are looking for a social alternative.

You may have noticed that in the report at the festive meeting I spoke of two especially dangerous manifestations of capitalism's objective laws: militarisation and non-equivalent exchange with the developing world. But they are possible only if they are backed by an appropriate governmental policy.

But that policy enjoys support so long as fear of the "Soviet threat" continues and so long as people continue to believe that there are "superior" national interests and secondary ones, that there are "subjects" of world politics and in economic affairs and their "objects", that is, the sphere of neocolonialism.

Our perestroika with all its international effects is eliminating fear of a "Soviet threat", with militarism losing its political vindication.

The unacceptable and pernicious waste of resources on armaments is becoming ever more obvious, too, in face of the ecological danger and owing to the growing unemployment, which is becoming a problem of an entirely different order than before in view of the new spiral of the technological revolution.

Awesome signals are also being issued by the financial system, which is not coping with the SLiperburden of the arms race, the astronomical state debts, and the hegemonic economic egoism.

On the other hand, the new liberative impulse building up in the Third World - and the Indian representative was right in objecting to this term - at the present stage is fraught with an explosion if the developing countries do not obtain an equal place in the world economy.

Those are the elements of the world process in which a "critical mass" is building up.

It is no longer possible to consider the development of the world in just the context of the struggle of the two opposite social systems. The dialectics of this development is a unity, a contention, a competition and interaction of a

multitude of factors, and it is in this interaction of different societies that each of them is put to the test. This does not mean, of course, that there can be any sort of unification or convergence between them.

Collective reason

We will not in the least renounce the genuine values of socialism. On the contrary, we will enrich them, while jettisoning everything that distorted the humanistic content of our system. We do not expect our class adversary to become "enamoured" of us. We do not need that at all.

For socialism this policy secures a merging of its class interests as a system and the interests of all humanity. And for capitalism, too, there is no other sensible way than coexistence and competition.

Joint action alone can weaken and remove the global danger of an ecological "seizure". The problem has long since become international.

No country is likely to radically solve the energy problem on its own, any more than to develop the riches of the world ocean. Finally, only the collective reason of humankind is a match for the job of going into outer space, and further to the solar and stellar spaces.

As a representative here of the CPSU, I should like to add a few words about that movement to what I said the day before yesterday in my report.

Like much else in the modern world, the Communist movement needs renewal and qualitative changes.

It is especially important at present that it is not only a national, but also by nature an international, force. Humankind is in special need of such a force today.

We ourselves felt strongly how socialism's international impulse was declining in the stagnation period. So perestroika in the Soviet Union became vital from this angle as well.

But parallel activity in the respective countries alone is not enough. There must also be joint action - but, of course, in up-to-date forms. What is needed, if I may put it so, is a more sophisticated culture of mutual relations among progressive forces.

The "arrogance of omniscience" is akin to fear of not being able to cope with new problems. It speaks of a tenacious habit to reject other points of view out of hand. Here there can be no dialogue, no productive discussion. And worst of all, the cause suffers.

Just as not all propositions of Marx and Engels could be dogmatically extrapolated to the imperialist epoch at the beginning of the century, so too the postulates of the 50s and 60s, let alone the 30s, are of no use in assessing the world today.

A new reading is needed of the theoretical legacy of our predecessors in the name of man's social emancipation - an appreciation deriving from precise analysis of new realities and yielding optimally correct political conclusions.

We invite not only the fraternal parties, communists, but also socialists and social democrats, and followers of other currents of political thought and action, all those who cherish the gains of the human spirit, and who want to safeguard andTise them for the benefit of coming generations, to co-operate and join in the search.



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