Scientists and Peace

Socialist Romania's actions for disarmament and peace represent a new and brilliant initiative of President Nicolae Ceauşescu, a remarkable expression of the wise internal and external policy of our party and state, a high responsability for the destiny of the Romanian people and of the whole humanity.

The initiatives of historical importance, for disarmament and peace, of President Nicolae Ceauşescu aroused a wide and stirring echo in our whole people, in the international public opinion and in the world of science.

As always, our much esteemed President, voicing the aspirations of the Romanian people, takes stand in the van of the world struggle for co-operation and peace, for the defence of human civilization. With a great prospective force, a force of anticipation of the basic trends, characterizing the present world, the President of our country reveals the profile of the fruitful political figure, whose militant, patriotic and revolutionary activity is put in the service of the Romanian people and of all peoples of the world.

The creation of a world without arms and without wars occupies a central place in the socio-political thought and action of Romania's President, a basic target of his brilliant external policy activity.

Meetings for peace were organized in the whole country and they culminated with a great meeting in Bucharest, where President Nicolae Ceauşescu, in his splendid exposition, expressed the firm will of the whole Romanian people, of actively participating in the united struggle of the forces of peace, of disarmament in Europe and in all continents, for peace and co-operation between peoples.

The initiatives of President Nicolae Ceauşescu affirm the vocation for peace of the Romanian people, his firm will of struggling, together with all the peoples of the world, for halting the armaments race, for the triumph of the policy of peace, collaboration and international détente.

Nicolae Ceauşescu, President of Romania, enjoys an enormous international prestige, appreciation, esteem and respect even in the remotest countries of the world, his name becoming a symbol of the struggle for independence, sovereignty and national dignity, for disarmament, peace and co-operation between all peoples of the world, regardless of their social order.

The carrying out of disarmament and peace represents a constant objective of Socialist Romania's external policy. As it builds a new society, and carries out wide programs of socio-economic development, the Romanian people is vitally interested in establishing international conditions, favourable to setting up a climate of security and peace.

We are worried to find that today, in the world, the rivalry between various states is intensified, with the attributes of political, military and economic interference, which creates serious dangers for the security of peoples and pollutes the political climate, the whole international life.

The arms, and especially the nuclear weapons, are used more and more as instruments in view of perpetuating interstate relations based upon the "right of force", instead of building a new world where the "force of right" would prevail, a world wherein the principles of international equity and legality would assert themselves, according to the great aspirations for peace, justice, liberty and progress of the whole mankind.

Enormous financial funds, of more than 500 billion of dollars annually, great material and human resources, the remarkable technical-scientific potential, are misappropriated from the purposes of social prosperity and dedicated to the creation of destructive means, which endanger more and more the existence of mankind.

The huge proportions of the armaments race produce severe disturbances in the world economy; they affect the rhythm of economic growth of all peoples, regardless of their social order or of their size; they determine economic stagnations and set-back, especially in the developing countries; they bring about unbalancings in the external payments balance, they considerably aggravate and extend the world economic crisis, with its whole train of negative consequences upon the life conditions of all peoples. At the same time, the economic, political, social and national contradictions, as well as the economic discrepancies between states get deeper, the raw matter and energy crises, the financial and monetary crises, the inflationary phenomena, which generate international tension and instability, become more acute.

This picture of the aggravating of the international situation, having direct repercussions on the life of people, determines, on all meridians of the globe, a vivid movement of the progressive forces, of the struggle of peoples for reducing

military expenses, for disarmament and peace, for setting up a new international political and economic order. As a matter of fact, the forces of peace and progress are more powerful, but they must be united for stopping the dangerous race of nuclear armings, for preventing a new world war, which endangers all the civilization of our planet. The Romanian people, fearless fighter for national independence and sovereignty, disarmament and collaboration between peoples, is also involved in this world-wide movement.

The limitation and then the final elimination of weapons and wars from the life of society, for the creation of a world of peace and collaboration, where the labour, the conquest of human genius would serve to the welfare and happiness of the peoples on our planet can be reached only through the united struggle for disarmament and peace, of all peoples.

The scientists in our country, as well as all over the world, are firmly convinced that, through strengthening the united struggle, the forces of progress are able to stop the process of militarizing the science, of diverting science from its peaceful aims, to stop the dangerous evolution of events, towards confronting and war, to ensure security and peace in the world.

The symposium "SCIENTISTS AND PEACE" from Bucharest, the unanimously approved appeal, represent, in this context, an outstanding manifestation of international solidarity of the scientists for disarmament and peace.

On this occasion, the scientific world, the international public opinion highly appreciated the splendid MESSAGE, animated by deep, noble, generous and humanitarious ideas, of Romania's President, Nicolae Ceauşescu, who adressed a warm and stirring appeal of solidarity to the scientists, saying: "The noblest mission of scholars, of researchers in all fields and from everywhere, is to make that the whole potential of contemporary science and technique be devoted to progress, welfare, liberty and independence of peoples, securing the supreme right of people to life, to peace".

The scientists were higly interested in and satisfied with the speeches of Academician doctor engineer Elena Ceauşescu, at the opening session of the 16th International Congress of the History of Science" and at the 2nd International Congress of Chemistry wherein she invited scientists to make all efforts for defending peace and securing the progress of mankind.

The presidential MESSAGE and the APPEAL of world-wide resonance, documents of high moral attitude, adressed to all scientists in the world, got the adhesion of wide scientific national and international circles and were diffused by the United Nations Organization as official documents.

Romania's President, Nicolae Ceauşescu, emphasized that scientists have a high responsibility as against the present and future of human civilization, that they represent a great authority for the union of all progressive forces of all peoples of the world, for disarmament and peace.

The APPEAL from Bucharest in its stirring call to all scientists in the whole world, pointed out:

"Let us serve with high devotion the noble ideals of peace, let us make our duty to our own conscience, to our contemporaries, to the supreme commandments of humanity, let us offer to mankind a prospect adapted to its dearest aspirations, to its creation force, let us be at the heigth of the most precious creations of human civilization over centuries".

Starting from the policy of peace, promoted consequently and firmly by our party and state, a policy drawn up wisely by President Nicolae Ceauşescu, the scientists in our country, answering to the rousing calls of the General Secretary of the party, to the Appeal launched by the Bucharest Symposium, reaffirmed during the meetings in scientific research and university institutes the vocation of peace of the Romanian people, their full adhesion to the creation of the Romanian National Committee "Scientists and Peace".

The Romanian science is proud that all scientists in this country elected as President of the Romanian National Committee "Scientists and Peace" Academician doctor engineer Elena Ceauşescu, who put her brilliant political and social activity in the service of the progress of our socialist fatherland, of peace and co-operation between peoples.

Outstanding political personality and statesman, illustrious scientist, Elena Ceauşescu leads and guides, with special competence, the destiny of Romanian Science, in her quality of Vice-prime Minister of the Government and President of the National Council for Science and Technology.

Erudite and fertile scientist, Academician Elena Ceauşescu brought a contribution of high value to the development of science in our country. Elena Ceauşescu laid the bases of the new scientific researches in the field of chemistry, in accordance with the requirements of the contemporary chemical industry, a decisive factor of the process of socialist industrialization of the country and of development of the whole national economy.

This scientific work, which makes up an innovating — theoretical and practical school, materialized itself in inventions of vital importance, in the new branches of industrial chemistry, through approaching a series of original researches, with applications of a high practical value, which represent a pride of Romanian Science.

The wide international audience of her political and social activity, of her original scientific discoveries and creations, granted to Academician Elena Ceauşescu the quality of scientist of world-renown, brought her esteem and respect, the eulogical appreciation of wide international scientific circles. She was honoured with high academic titles by numerous and outstanding insti-

tutions of researches and university education from many countries of the world, as an acknowledgement of the exceptional scientific value of her many-sidedwork.

Animated by deep humanitarian ideas, Academician Elena Ceauşescu, brought, beside President Nicolae Ceauşescu, the peace message of socialist Romania, on all meridians of the globe, for understanding and collaboration between peoples, for a better and more righteous world on our planet.

The election of Academician doctor engineer Elena Ceauşescu as President of the National Forum of Scientists for peace, is the happiest election, because Elena Ceauşescu represents the revolutionary and patriotic virtutes of the political personality and statesman, of the scientist of national and international prestige, who devoted and devotes her whole life and labour capacity to the social and scientific activity, to the cause of prosperity and happiness of the Romanian people, to progress and peace in the whole world.

Progress and peace represent the noblest ideals of humanity and science.

Scientists in Romania devote their whole creative labour to the carrying out of the program established at the 12-th Congress of the Romanian Communist Party, concerning the socio-economic development of the country, collaborating at the same time with scientists on all meridians of the globe, in their struggle for stopping the armaments race and the danger of a nuclear war — for cooperation and peace between peoples.

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