

## Resolution adopted by pro-European activists from Central and Eastern Europe (16 April 1948)

**Caption:** On 16 April 1948, the representatives of a number of movements composed of exiles from Central and Eastern Europe send to the former British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, Honorary Chairman of the forthcoming Congress of Europe in the Hague, the resolution that they adopted the previous day in London in which they call on the Security Council of the United Nations to condemn the Soviet regime and Soviet occupation in the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

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The undersigned have the honour to communicate to Your Excellency the following resolution adopted by the free representatives of the oppressed peoples of Central and Eastern Europe assembled on April 15th 1948 in London 55, Exhibition Road, S.W.7.:

‘The undersigned representatives of Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Rumanian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Whiteruthenian/Byelorussian, Yougoslav/Serb, Croat, Slovene peoples hereby:

welcome statements made recently by the Western Democratic leaders in connection with the ever increasing pressure of Soviet-Communist imperialist expansionism, as well as the attempts made by the West to integrate the remnants of free Europe; but also protest solemnly against the political status imposed upon the peoples of the Eastern half of Europe by means of force, subterfuge, treachery and organised conspiracy of the arbitrary regimes which would be totally unable to maintain themselves in power if the peoples of this area were given the opportunity to express their free will;

condemn these terrorist regimes which shamelessly call themselves “People’s Democracies” and base their government not on the consent of the governed but on political police rule and mob justice cynically styled “People’s Courts”, the suppression of all basic human and civic rights and economic exploitation for the benefit of the Soviet-Communist world empire;

express their detestation of the policy of moral degradation of a once free human society, consistently applied by these pseudo-democratic regimes, and, most especially, of their endeavours to poison the souls of the younger generation of the peoples which are to-day their helpless victims;

emphasise their conviction that it is impossible to save Western Europe without first eliminating the Soviet domination of Eastern Europe, as it is this domination which constitutes a permanent source of instability which makes it impossible for the Western countries to attain the conditions of internal peace essential for their economic and moral reconstruction, it being impossible for Europe to remain half free and half enslaved.

The undersigned appeal to the Security Council for recognition that:

1-o. Paragraph 4. Article 2. of the U.N. Charter was repeatedly violated by Soviet Russia directly or indirectly through threat or use of force against other nations;

2-o. by depriving of freedom and political independence all the nations of Central and Eastern Europe, Soviet Russia has created a situation endangering the maintenance of international peace and security as defined in Article 34 of the U.N. Charter.

In view of the above the undersigned trust that the Security Council will not restrict its action to the investigation of the part played by Soviet Russia in Czechoslovakia but that they will undertake an immediate investigation of similar activities of Russian Communism in all the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.’

Signed:

For Bulgaria: Matzankieff

For the national Czech Committee: Gen. L. Prchala, Chairman

For Estonia: Prof. Ants Oras

For Latvia: Olgierd Rozitis, Chairman of the Council of the Latvian Society in Great Britain.

For Lithuania: Bajorinas

For Poland: Tytus Filipowicz, former Ambassador to the U.S.A.

For Rumania: Niculescu-Buzesti, former Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the National Slovak Committee: Peter Pridavok, Chairman

For the Ukrainians: Panchuk, Chairman Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain

For the Whiteruthenians: Prof. Zuk Hryskievic, Chairman Association of Whiteruthenians in Great Britain

For Yougoslavia: Dr. M. Gavrilovic, Member Yougoslav National Committee in London

London, 16th April, 1948