

## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE BULGARIAN AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS (27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1947)**

The Conference of the Delegation of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, headed by the Prime Minister Georgi Dimitrov, and the Delegation of the Government of the People's Federative Republic of Yugoslavia, headed by the Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Marshal Iosip Broz Tito, which took place on the 27th of November this year at Varna – Evxinograd, in connection with the visit of the Yugoslav Government Delegation to Bulgaria, concluded with the signing of a Pact of Friendship, Collaboration and Mutual Aid, the provisions of which were agreed upon at the Bled Conference in August this year.

This Pact, the full text of which is published simultaneously with the present communique, corresponds to the age-old aspirations of the Bulgarian and Yugoslav peoples and constitutes a solid guaranty for their freedom and independence, for their complete development and prosperity, and for the consolidation of peace in the Balkans. It fully corresponds to the spirit of the principles of the UNO, and it is valid for a duration of 20 years and is to be automatically prolonged provided neither of the countries denounces it.

Obliging the two contracting parties to consult each other on all major international problems which affect the interests of the two countries or the interests of peace and international collaboration, and to give each other without delay military and all other kind of aid with all their available resources in the event of a third nation's aggression against one of them with a view to imperiling its independence, to enslaving it or to annexing a part of its territory, the Pact will contribute to the consolidation of fraternity among the South Slav nations, to the preservation and consolidation of peace in the Balkans, and will lay the foundations of friendship and collaboration among all Balkan nations. The Pact obliges the two countries to ensure closest collaboration in all spheres of their material and cultural life, and more particularly in all spheres of their economic life.

The two delegations found with satisfaction that the Bled agreements have given valuable and positive results for the two countries and that political, economic and cultural collaboration between the two fraternal neighbouring countries has ever since made considerable progress. Decisions for greater development of this collaboration have been taken – for extending to its maximum trade between them, for fuller coordination of their economic plans, for speeding up the conclusion of a customs union between them, for support to every undertaking forwarding a still closer collaboration in the sphere of science, art and culture.

The two delegations examined the international situation and in particular the situation in the Balkans. Complete unanimity between the two delegations in their evaluation of the situation and complete similarity of views was found to exist. The new Bulgaria and the new Yugoslavia are firmly determined to be an active factor on the front of the democratic, antiimperialist forces against warmongers, and to oppose resolutely and with all their forces and means any provocation or aggression wherever it might come from.

The two delegations are unanimous in the opinion that the creation of the so called UNO Balkan Commission constitutes a breach of the Statutes of the UNO and of the principle of

unanimity of the Five Great Powers, and a violation of the state sovereignty of the Balkan nations, and can, therefore, give it no assistance in its work or admit in on their territory.

Having found that the noise about a forthcoming war, made by imperialists, is intended to scare people of weak character, to disarm nations morally and politically and to obstruct their constructive work, the two delegations are of the opinion that the best guaranty for peace in the Balkans and for the independence of our countries lies in our strength, unity and unanimity.

The Governments of the two countries will with still greater energy carry on their policy of consolidation and deepening of our comradeship with the peoples of the great USSR and with other nations of people's democracy, as well as with all states which would be prepared to respect the independence and state sovereignty of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

The two new people's regimes having decidedly removed all misunderstanding and disputes which had in the past divided the two neighbouring Slav nations and which had made them an easy prey to Turkish, German and other invaders and imperialists, the Pact of Friendship, Collaboration and Mutual Aid, signed at Evxinograd by Georgi Dimitrov and Marshal Tito, opens a new bright page in the history of the Bulgarian and Yugoslav peoples – the page of eternal and unshakable comradeship, of closest and complete collaboration, and of fraternal unity – ensuring the development, prosperity and progress of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and of the People's Federative Republic of Yugoslavia, peace and security in the Balkans and close collaboration among nations.

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