

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON

HUNGARY

The Executive Committee of the British Communist Party expresses the deep concern felt by every member of the Party at the recent tragic events in Hungary.

They have resulted in a serious set-back for the cause of Socialism in Hungary, and a situation in which fascist and counter-revolutionary forces are seeking to restore capitalism and landlordism and re-impose the old White Terror.

These events are the concern not only of Communists, but of all who want peace, democracy and peaceful advance to socialism, for they represent a success for reactionary forces all over the world.

How is it possible that eleven years after the military defeat of fascism, this menace should arise anew in Hungary?

We cannot leave out of account the external factors, the resurgence of the old Nazi fascist forces in Western Germany and when the West German militarists are proceeding to create their army and are demanding that it should have atomic weapons; and the lavishly financed American campaign of subversion concentrated on the Western frontiers of Hungary; alongside the existence of the North Atlantic Pact, and the refusal of the Western Powers of a European Security Pact.

But we have also to take into account the internal factors.

In Hungary, Horthy Fascism had long crushed the popular movement. Before and during the Second World War, the working class and popular forces were still too weakly developed to overcome the landlord-militarist-fascist reaction which enslaved them.

Hungarian fascism and reaction allied itself with Hitler fascism. Many Hungarian people played a courageous role in the anti-fascist resistance movement during the war, but it was above all at the hands of the Red Army that Hungarian fascism and reaction met its defeat. Reaction defeated externally, remained strong internally after liberation. Even when power came into the hands of the working people and People's Democracy was established, reaction was by no means defeated nor its influence ended. Hungarian People's Democracy still faced the difficult task of step by step overcoming reaction, breaking its influence on the working people, carrying through reconstruction and industrialisation and winning the people for the advance to Socialism.