

*An Extract from the Communiqué of Warsaw Treaty Political
Consultative Committee Meeting
24 May 1958 **

In conformity with Article 3 of the Warsaw Treaty, envisaging con-

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sultations between the states, parties to the treaty, on all major international questions affecting their interests, an exchange of opinion on the present international situation took place at the meeting of the Consultative Committee. The Political Consultative Committee noted with satisfaction the complete unanimity of the socialist countries, parties to the meeting, both in the appraisal of the international situation and their common tasks in the struggle for peace and the security of the peoples. The Political Consultative Committee unanimously adopted a declaration of the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty, which is published in the Press.

The Political Consultative Committee heard a report by Marshal of the Soviet Union I. S. Koniev, the Commander-in-Chief of the joint armed forces of the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty, on another reduction of the armed forces of the Warsaw Treaty countries, and on the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from the territory of the Rumanian People's Republic.

Besides another cut in the armed forces of the Soviet Union in 1958 by 300,000 men, which was announced earlier, the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty, resolved in addition to the earlier substantial reduction of their armed forces to effect in 1958 another cut in the armed forces by a total of 119,000 men, including: the Rumanian People's Republic by 55,000 men, the Bulgarian People's Republic by 23,000 men, the Polish People's Republic by 20,000 men, the Czechoslovak Republic by 20,000 men and the Albanian People's Republic by 1,000 men. Thus the Warsaw Treaty member-countries will reduce their armed forces by 419,000 men in 1958.

The Political Consultative Committee resolved to address to the Government of the Soviet Union, agreed with the Government of the Rumanian People's Republic, on the withdrawal in the near future from the Rumanian People's Republic of the Soviet troops stationed there in conformity with the Warsaw Treaty.

The Soviet Government, by agreement with the Hungarian Government, resolved to reduce in 1958 the Soviet troops stationed in Hungary by one division and to withdraw it from Hungarian territory.

The Political Consultative Committee approved this decision of the Soviet Government.

Decisions were also taken on some organizational matters involved in the activity of the joint armed forces of the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty.

The Political Consultative Committee resolved to address the member-states of the North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) a proposal con-

cerning the conclusion of a non-aggression pact between the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty, and the NATO member-states. The text of the draft of the aforesaid non-aggression pact is published separately.

The proceedings of the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the states, parties to the Warsaw Treaty, demonstrated the complete unity, unbreakable fraternal friendship and co-operation of the socialist countries which are concentrating their efforts on a relaxation of international tension, creation of an atmosphere of mutual confidence and businesslike co-operation between all states, for the further consolidation of peace