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Summary:

In this letter, Zhukov invites the CND to cooperate with the Soviet Peace Committee to prevent the deployment of Cruise and Pershing missiles in Western Europe. He also draws attention to a peace rally held in Moscow, likening this to the demonstrations being held in Western Europe in opposition to the Euromissiles.

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Членам Кампании за ядерное
разоружение

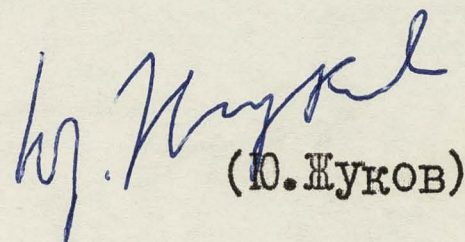
Советский комитет защиты мира выражает большое удовлетворение в связи с получением от вас послания мира и доброй воли "москвичам и всем советским людям", которое было передано нам группой представителей ассоциации профессиональных советов Большого Лондона, посетившей Москву в октябре. Мы намерены опубликовать это послание в одном из наших изданий.

Мы разделяем высказанную в вашем послании тревогу за судьбы мира в связи с безумной гонкой вооружений и опасностью, которую создает ядерное оружие для всего человечества. Путь к обеспечению безопасности народов может быть обеспечен только разоружением. Несмотря на различные подходы, которые естественно проявляются у наших движений по различным вопросам, мы глубоко уверены, что у нас есть единое и главное сейчас – это стремление предотвратить ядерную катастрофу. Мы должны вместе выступать за жизнь на земле как правильно вы отмечаете: "Какими бы различными не были бы для нас перспективы на будущее". Поэтому мы также как и вы считаем, что нам необходимо поддерживать "самый непосредственный и правдивый диалог" в борьбе против гонки вооружений.

Мы приветствовали такой диалог с представителями советов профсоюзов Большого Лондона и будем рады продолжить его с другими представителями общественности Великобритании.

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To the Members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

The Soviet Peace Committee expresses great satisfaction in connection with your message on Peace and Goodwill "to the People of Moscow and the Soviet Union", which was handed over to us by the representatives of the Greater London Association of Trades Councils who visited Moscow this October. We are going to publish this message in one of our editions.

We share the anxiety expressed in your message for the fate of peace because of the insane arms race and the threat which nuclear weapons represent for entire mankind. The way to nations' security can be provided only by disarmament. Despite different attitudes which our movements naturally show on different problems, we are deeply aware of the common and main thing: the aspiration to avert a nuclear catastrophe. We must jointly come forward in defence of life on earth, as you rightly noted down: "Whatever perspectives on problems ahead of us". That is why, we believe just as you that we should maintain "the closest and most honest dialogue" on the struggle against the arms race.

We welcome such a dialogue with the representatives of the Greater London Association of Trades Councils and will be glad to continue it with other representatives of the British public.

Sincerely Yours,

Yuri Zhukov,
Chairman,
Soviet Peace Committee

LET US AVERT THE NUCLEAR THREAT FROM EUROPE!

Declaration by the Participants in an Anti-War
Manifestation in Moscow

We Muscovites are stating our emphatic protest against the plans of the USA and NATO to deploy new nuclear missiles in Europe.

The implementation of the plans would sharply increase the nuclear danger for the peoples of the whole of Europe - Western and Eastern. A nuclear conflict if started in European territory would not limit itself to it and would not spare either the US people or the peoples living in other continents.

It is essential to stave off the threat while it is not too late!

Therefore we fully share the demand of the worldwide anti-war movement: NO TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE!

The West is not ready for such a radical solution. But we shall continue to work for that goal and therefore we are demanding already now:

NO NEW MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE!
REDUCE THE EXISTING ARSENALS!

We are for a simple and clear principle - equal security for all! There is no difference between a US, British or French missile if they are targeted against and can hit the USSR and its allies. It is our inalienable right to have defence against any of them! If the USA and NATO still start deploying new missiles, the Soviet government must do everything necessary to take effective countermeasures.

We support the peaceful course of our party and the state aimed at curbing the arms race and at achieving disarmament. Our people's will for peace manifests itself in the Soviet Union's concrete peace initiatives which give

an opportunity to reach an honest accord at the Geneva talks. A chance still remains to prevent through such an accord the deployment of new missiles in Europe. One should do everything to turn this opportunity into reality.

We solidarise with all those who on these days in various countries of the world, particularly in Western Europe and the USA, are also protesting against further build-up of nuclear armaments in Europe and the world over, and are demanding that the nuclear armaments be frozen and that their reduction be started without delay. As Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, has again reaffirmed in his statement, "we do not separate, nor, the more so, counterpose the wellbeing of our people, the security of the Soviet state to the wellbeing and security of other peoples and other countries."

We are extending a friendly hand to all those who are ready, irrespective of their political, religious or ethical convictions, for joint efforts for the sake of attaining these goals. The tocsin of nuclear alarm is calling for actions!

LET US STAVE OFF THE NUCLEAR THREAT!

TOGETHER WE CAN AND MUST DO IT!

Moscow, October 1, 1983.