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Summary:

Communique on UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser's talks with Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito in Yugoslavia. The communique summarizes the topics discussed and affirms the two countries' friendly relations and commitment to working together in the future.

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Joint Statement between the SFRY and the UAR

At the invitation of the President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Josip Broz Tito, President of the United Arab Republic, Gamal Abdel Nasser, made a friendly visit to Yugoslavia from July 10th to July 12th, 1968.

In the talks that were conducted in Brioni, the two presidents and their associates exchanged opinions on the most important international problems, as well as issues of bilateral relations and cooperation between the SFRY and the UAR.

The two presidents noted with satisfaction that bilateral cooperation is developing successfully in the spirit of traditional friendship and that mutual efforts are being made for its further improvement, which was confirmed at the recent session of the Mixed Committee for Economic Cooperation as well as in talks on cultural and educational cooperation.

In the talks about international problems, presidents Tito and Nasser dedicated special attention to the situation in the ME [Middle East], created by the Israeli aggression against Arab countries. Israel's refusal to implement the [UN] SC resolution and withdraw its forces from the occupied territories represents a permanent violation of the UN Charter and its resolutions. This not only prevents a political solution but deepens the crisis in the Middle East. The President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia emphasized that Yugoslavia would continue, together with all peace-loving and progressive countries and forces, to support Arab countries, victims of aggression in their efforts to establish their legitimate rights.

By reaffirming the solidarity of their peoples with the heroic struggle of the people of Vietnam, the two presidents express their full support for the Vietnamese people and their struggle for freedom and independence and think that the urgent and complete suspension of the bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam constitutes a prerequisite for achieving peace.

The two presidents also discussed other current international issues, such as the situation in Africa and the problems of developing countries and carried an exhaustive exchange of views on the joint efforts of nonaligned and other countries to stand in the way of the current worrisome development of the international situation and to contribute to creating more favorable conditions for securing independence, peace, and economic development.

Presidents Tito and Nasser again emphasized the extraordinary importance of the policy of nonalignment to achieve the aforementioned goals. They are pleased to note that consultations so far to convene a nonaligned conference have yielded positive results.

The two sides unanimously expressed belief that the visit of the President of the United Arab Republic to the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and talks conducted on that occasion would contribute to further strengthening of the friendship and cooperation in the interest of the peoples of both countries, peace, and progress in the world.

The talks were conducted in a cordial and friendly atmosphere and identical viewpoints were expressed in them on all issues discussed.