

11. Stalin's Report

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The foreign policy of the Soviet Union is clear and comprehensible:

(1) We stand for peace and for the strengthening of business likely to affect ties with all countries. We stand and will stand on that position insofar as these countries will maintain such relations with the Soviet Union and insofar as they do not attempt to infringe the interests of our country.

(2) We stand for peaceful, close, and good neighborly relations with all neighboring countries which have a common frontier with the Soviet Union. We stand and will stand on that position insofar as these countries will maintain such relations with the Soviet Union and insofar as they do not attempt to infringe directly or indirectly the interests, integrity, and inviolability, of the frontiers of the Soviet state.

(3) We stand for the support of peoples who have become victims of aggression and who are struggling for the independence of their fatherland.

(4) We do not fear threats on the part of aggressors and are ready to answer with redoubled blow a blow from the incendiaries of war attempting to infringe the inviolability of the Soviet frontiers. Such is the foreign policy of the Soviet Union. In its foreign policy the Soviet Union bases itself first, on its growing economic, political, and cultural strength; second, on the moral and political unity of our Soviet social system; third, on the friendships of the peoples of our country; fourth, on its Red Army and Navy; fifth, on its policy of peace; sixth, on the moral support of the workers of all countries who are vitally interested in the preservation of peace; seventh, in the good sense of those countries who are not interested for one or another reason in the violation of peace. The tasks of our Party in the realm of foreign policy are:

- (1) to continue in the future as well as to carry on the policy of peace and of strengthening of business-like ties with all countries;
 - (2) to observe caution and not to permit our country to be drawn into a conflict by the provocateurs of war, who are accustomed to having others pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them;
 - (3) to strengthen in every way the military might of our Red army and naval Red fleet;
 - (4) to strengthen the international ties of friendship with the toilers of all countries who are interested in peace and in friendship between peoples.
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