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Dear Countrymen! Comrades, Friends!

Dear Brothers of foreign lands!

Our Party, the Soviet people, the whole of mankind have suffered a most grievous, irreparable loss. The glorious life of our teacher and leader, the greatest genius of humanity, Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, has come to an end.

In these bitter days the Soviet people's profound grief is shared by the whole of advanced and progressive mankind. The name of Stalin is immeasurably dear to Soviet men and women, to the broad masses of people in all parts of the globe. Boundless is the greatness and significance of Comrade Stalin's activity for the Soviet people and for the working people of all countries. Stalin's work will live throughout the ages, and grateful posterity will pay homage to his name, just as we all do.

Comrade Stalin devoted his entire life to the cause of the liberation of the working class and all working people from oppression and enthrallment by the exploiters, to the cause of ridding the human race of wars of annihilation, to the cause of fighting for a free and happy life on earth for the working people.

Comrade Stalin, the great thinker of our epoch, creatively developed the teaching of Marxism-Leninism in the new historical conditions. The name of Stalin rightly stands alongside the names of the greatest men in human history—Marx, Engels, Lenin.

Our Party is following the great teaching of Marxism-Leninism, which gives the Party and the people invincible strength and the ability to blaze new trails in history.

For many long years Lenin and Stalin waged a struggle in difficult underground conditions to deliver the peoples of Russia from the yoke of autocracy, from oppression by the landlords and capitalists. Led by Lenin and Stalin, the Soviet

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people brought about the greatest turning point in the history of humanity, put an end to the system of capitalism in our country, and emerged on a new road—the road of Socialism.

Carrying on Lenin's cause, continuously developing Lenin's teaching, which illumines for the Party and the Soviet state the road ahead, Comrade Stalin led our country to the world-historic victory of Socialism, which for the first time in many thousands of years that human society has existed, ensured the abolition of exploitation of man by man.

Lenin and Stalin founded the first state of workers and peasants in the world, our Soviet state. Comrade Stalin worked indefatigably to strengthen the Soviet state. The strength and might of our state is the cardinal requisite for the successful building of Communism in our country.

It is our sacred duty to continue to strengthen, tirelessly and in every way, our great Socialist state, the bulwark of peace and the security of the nations.

The name of Comrade Stalin is bound up with the solution of one of the most complex problems in the history of the development of society—the national problem. The greatest theoretician of the national problem, Comrade Stalin for the first time in history ensured, on the scale of an enormous multi-national state, the abolition of age-old national strife. Under Comrade Stalin's leadership, our Party overcame the economic and cultural backwardness of the formerly oppressed peoples, united all the nations of the Soviet Union in a single fraternal family, and forged the friendship of the peoples.

It is our sacred duty to ensure the further strengthening of the unity and friendship of the peoples of the Soviet land, the strengthening of the Soviet multi-national state. Given the friendship of the peoples of our country, we need fear no internal or external enemies.

Under the direct leadership of Comrade Stalin the Soviet Army was founded, grew and gained in strength. Enhancing the defense capacity of the country and strengthening the Soviet Armed Forces was the object of Comrade Stalin's tireless

concern. Led by its great commander, Generalissimo Stalin, the Soviet Army achieved its historic victory in the second world war and delivered the nations of Europe and Asia from the menace of fascist slavery.

It is our sacred duty to strengthen in every way the mighty Soviet Armed Forces. We must keep them in a state of combat readiness to deliver a crushing rebuff to any enemy attack.

As a result of Comrade Stalin's indefatigable labors and in accordance with the plans drawn up by him, our Party transformed our formerly backward country into a mighty industrial and collective-farm state, created a new economic system which knows neither crises nor unemployment.

It is our sacred duty to ensure the further progress of our socialist Homeland. We must in every way develop our socialist industry, the mainstay of the might and strength of our country. We must strengthen in every way the collective-farm system, ensuring the further advancement and prosperity of all the collective farms of the Soviet land, and strengthen the alliance of the working class and the collective-farm peasantry.

In the field of domestic policy our main concern is to work steadfastly for the further improvement of the material well-being of the workers, collective farmers, intellectuals, of all the Soviet people. The duty of giving constant thought to the well-being of the people and the maximum satisfaction of their material and cultural requirements is a law of our Party and Government.

Lenin and Stalin founded and steeled our Party as the great transforming force in society. Throughout his life Comrade Stalin always taught us that there is nothing loftier than the title member of the Communist Party. In hard-fought struggle against enemies, Comrade Stalin upheld the unity, firmness and solidarity of our Party ranks.

It is our sacred duty to strengthen further the great Communist Party. The strength and invincibility of our Party lies in the unity and solidarity of its ranks, in unity of will and

action, in the ability of the Party members to merge their will with the will and wishes of the Party. The strength and invincibility of our Party lies in its indissoluble ties with the masses of people. The basis of the unity of the Party and the people consists in the Party's unswerving service in the people's interests. We must guard Party unity as the apple of our eye, we must strengthen still further the indissoluble ties between the Party and the people, we must educate the Communists and all working people in the spirit of keen political vigilance, in the spirit of irreconcilability and staunchness in the struggle against internal and external enemies.

Under the leadership of the Great Stalin, the mighty camp of peace, democracy and Socialism has been created. Within this camp, the great Chinese people, the fraternal peoples of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Albania, the German Democratic Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic are advancing in close fraternal unity with the Soviet people. In hard-fought battles the heroic Korean people are defending the independence of their country. The people of Viet Nam are fighting gallantly for freedom and national independence.

It is our sacred duty to safeguard and consolidate the greatest gain of the peoples—the camp of peace, democracy and Socialism, to strengthen the bonds of friendship and solidarity of the peoples in the countries of the democratic camp. We must in every way consolidate the eternal, inviolable, fraternal friendship of the Soviet Union with the great Chinese people, with the working men and women of all the People's Democracies.

The peoples of all lands know Comrade Stalin as the great standard-bearer of peace. Comrade Stalin concentrated the greatest efforts of his genius on upholding the cause of peace for the peoples of all lands. The foreign policy of the Soviet state, the policy of peace and friendship between the peoples, is a decisive barrier to the launching of a new war, and corresponds to the vital interests of all peoples. The Soviet Union has unswervingly stood for defense of peace and stands

for it today, because its interests are indivisible from the cause of world peace. The Soviet Union has followed, and follows today, a consistent policy of preserving and consolidating peace, a policy of struggle against the preparation and unleashing of a new war, a policy of international cooperation and the development of business relations with all countries, a policy based on the Lenin-Stalin thesis of the possibility of prolonged co-existence and peaceful competition of the two different systems—the capitalist and the socialist system.

The great Stalin has educated us in the spirit of boundless devotion to the service in the people's interests. We are true servants of the people, and the people want peace, they hate war. Let the wish of the people not to permit the blood of millions to be shed and to ensure the peaceful construction of a happy life, be sacred for all of us!

In the sphere of foreign policy, it is our main concern not to permit a new war, to live in peace with all countries. The Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government consider that the most correct, necessary and just foreign policy is a policy of peace between all peoples, founded on mutual confidence, effective, based on facts and confirmed by facts. Governments must faithfully serve their peoples, and the peoples long for peace and curse war. Criminals will be those governments which, seeking to deceive the peoples, go against the sacred wish of the peoples to preserve peace and not to allow a new bloody slaughter. The stand of the Communist Party and the Soviet Government is that the policy of peace between nations is the only correct policy, answering to the vital interests of all peoples.

Comrades! The death of our leader and teacher the Great Stalin, makes it the duty of all Soviet people to multiply their efforts in carrying out the magnificent tasks which lie before the Soviet people, to increase their contribution to the common cause of building Communist society, to strengthen the might and defense power of our socialist Homeland.

The working people of the Soviet Union see and know that our mighty Homeland is advancing to new successes.

We have everything necessary to build a complete Communist society.

With firm faith in their boundless forces and possibilities, the Soviet peoples are creatively carrying out the great work of building Communism. There are no forces on earth which could halt the advance of Soviet society to Communism!

Farewell, our teacher and leader, our dear friend, our own Comrade Stalin!

Forward, along the road to the complete triumph of the great cause of Lenin and Stalin!

Speech by LAURENTI P. BERIA

Dear Comrades, Friends!

It is hard to express in words the profound grief felt these days by our Party, by the peoples of our country and by all progressive mankind.

Stalin, great colleague of Lenin and brilliant continuer of Lenin's cause, is no more. We no longer have with us the man who was nearest and dearest to all Soviet people, to the millions of working people of the world.

The entire life and work of the Great Stalin are an inspiring example of fidelity to Leninism, an example of selfless service to the working class and to all working people, to the cause of the emancipation of the working people from oppression and exploitation.

The Great Lenin founded our Party and led it to the victory of the proletarian revolution.

Together with the Great Lenin, Stalin, his brilliant colleague, consolidated the Bolshevik Party and founded the first socialist state in the world.

After Lenin's death Stalin led our Party and country along the Lenin path for well nigh thirty years. Stalin upheld Leninism against numerous enemies; he developed and enriched Lenin's teaching in the new historical setting. The wise leadership of the Great Stalin enabled our people to build Socialism in the U.S.S.R. and ensured the world-historic

victory of the Soviet Union in the Great Patriotic War. Our own beloved Stalin, great architect of Communism and leader of genius, armed our Party and the people with the magnificent program of Communist construction.

Comrades! The anguish in our hearts cannot be alleviated, the loss is immeasurably great, but even this blow will not bend the iron will of the Communist Party, will not shake its unity and firm determination in the fight for Communism.

Our Party, armed with the revolutionary theory of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin and taught by half a century of experience in the struggle for the interests of the working class and of all working people, knows how to guide matters in order to ensure the construction of Communist society.

In the matter of guiding our country the Central Committee of our Party and the Soviet Government have passed through the great school of Lenin and Stalin.

In the fire of the Civil War and intervention, in the difficult years of struggle against economic breakdown and famine, in the struggle for the industrialization of the country and the collectivization of agriculture, in the hard years of the Great Patriotic War when the fate of our Homeland and of all mankind was being decided, the Central Committee of the Party and the Soviet Government, heading and directing the heroic fight of the Soviet people, acquired enormous experience in leading the Party and the country.

Consequently the peoples of the Soviet Union can, in the future too, rely fully on the Communist Party, on its Central Committee and on their Soviet Government.

The enemies of the Soviet state calculate that the great loss we have sustained will lead to confusion and disconcertment in our ranks.

But in vain are their calculations: bitter disappointment awaits them.

Anyone who is not blind can see that in these sad days for our Party it is closing its ranks still more, that our Party is united and steadfast.

Anyone who is not blind can see in these days of deep sor-

row that all the peoples of the Soviet Union, fraternally united with the great Russian people, have rallied still closer around the Soviet Government and the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

The Soviet people unanimously support both the home and foreign policy of the Soviet state.

Our home policy is based on the inviolable alliance of the working class and the collective-farm peasantry, on the fraternal friendship of the peoples of our country, on the stable union of all the Soviet national republics in the system of the single, great multi-national state—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This policy is aimed at the further strengthening of the economic and military might of our state, at the further development of the national economy and at the maximum satisfaction of the growing material and cultural requirements of Soviet society as a whole.

The workers, collective-farm peasantry and the intelligentsia of our country can work calmly and confidently, knowing that the Soviet Government will carefully and tirelessly safeguard their rights inscribed in the Stalin Constitution.

Our foreign policy is clear and understandable. From the very first days of Soviet power Lenin defined the foreign policy of the Soviet state as the policy of peace.

This policy of peace was consistently pursued by the great continuer of Lenin's cause, by our wise leader Stalin.

In the future, too, the foreign policy of the Soviet Government will be the Lenin-Stalin policy of preserving and consolidating peace, of struggle against preparation and unleashing of a new war, the policy of international co-operation and development of business relations with all countries on a mutual basis.

The Soviet Government will strengthen still more the fraternal alliance, friendship and co-operation in the common struggle for the cause of world peace, extensive economic and cultural co-operation with the great Chinese People's Republic, with all countries of people's democracy and with the German Democratic Republic.

Our brothers and friends abroad can rest assured that the Communist Party and the peoples of the Soviet Union, loyal to the banner of proletarian internationalism, to the banner of Lenin-Stalin, will continue in the future, too, to strengthen and promote friendly relations with the working people of the capitalist and colonial countries fighting for the cause of peace, democracy and Socialism.

Deep feelings of friendship bind our people with the heroic Korean people fighting for their independence.

Our great leaders, Lenin and Stalin, taught us indefatigably to enhance and sharpen the vigilance of the Party and the people against the intrigues and maneuvers of the enemies of the Soviet state.

Now we must heighten our vigilance still further.

Let no one think that the enemies of the Soviet state can take us unawares.

Our glorious Armed Forces are equipped with all types of modern armaments for the defense of the Soviet Homeland. Our soldiers and sailors, officers and generals, enriched with the experience of the Great Patriotic War, will be able to give a fitting reception to any aggressor daring to attack our country.

The strength and invincibility of our state rests not only on its battle-steeled, glorious army.

The might of the Soviet state is derived from the unity of the Soviet people, from their trust in the Communist Party, which is the leading force of Soviet society, from their trust in their Soviet Government. The Communist Party and the Soviet Government highly evaluate the trust of the people.

The Soviet people responded with unanimous approval to the Decision of the Central Committee of our Party, the Council of Ministers and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. concerning the extremely important decisions designed to ensure the uninterrupted and correct leadership of the entire life of the country.

One of these important decisions is the appointment of Georgi Maximilianovich Malenkov, talented pupil of Lenin

and loyal colleague of Stalin, to the post of Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R.

The decisions adopted by the highest Party and state organs of our country were a vivid manifestation of the complete unity and solidarity in Party and state leadership.

This unity and solidarity in the country's leadership is the guarantee of the successful implementation of the home and foreign policy worked out over the years by our Party and Government under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin.

Stalin, as was the case with Lenin, left to our Party and country a great legacy which must be guarded like the apple of the eye and unremittingly multiplied.

The great Stalin trained and rallied around himself a cohort of battle-trying leaders who have mastered the Lenin-Stalin skill of leadership, on whose shoulders has fallen the historic responsibility of leading to the victorious end the great cause begun by Lenin and successfully continued by Stalin.

The peoples of our country can rest assured that the Communist Party and the Government of the Soviet Union will spare neither strength nor life to preserve the iron unity of the ranks of the Party and its leadership, to strengthen the inviolable friendship of the peoples of the Soviet Union, to increase the might of the Soviet state, to remain invariably loyal to the ideas of Marxism-Leninism, and, following the behests of Lenin and Stalin, to bring the land of Socialism to Communism.

Eternal glory to our beloved, dear leader and teacher—the Great Stalin.

Speech by VYACHESLAV M. MOLOTOV

Dear Comrades and Friends!

In these days all of us are grief-stricken at the death of Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, at the loss of a great leader and at the same time of a close, beloved and infinitely dear person. We, his old and close friends, and the millions and millions of Soviet people, and the working people in all countries

throughout the world, say a last farewell today to Comrade Stalin whom we all loved so dearly and who will forever live in our hearts.

Comrade Stalin called himself a pupil of Lenin together with whom he founded and built our great Communist Party, together with whom he led the revolutionary struggle of the people against tsarism and capitalism, for the overthrow of the yoke of the landlords and capitalists in our country, together with whom he founded and built our Soviet socialist state, together with whom he laid the foundations for the fraternal co-operation and alliance of big and small peoples which is growing before our eyes. Stalin—the great continuer of Lenin's great cause.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party, headed by Comrade Stalin, the Soviet people built Socialism in our country and began to carry out the magnificent program for the steady raising of the material well-being and cultural level of the Soviet people, won the world-historic victory over fascism in the Second World War and thereby decisively weakened the forces of the external enemies of the U.S.S.R., took the Soviet Union out of international isolation, ensured the formation of the invincible camp of peace-loving states with a population of 800 million, and opened for our country the clear perspectives of building Communist society based on free labor, genuine equality and fraternity of people.

We can be justly proud that for the last thirty years we have lived and worked under the leadership of Comrade Stalin. We were educated by Lenin and Stalin. We are pupils of Lenin and Stalin. And we shall always remember what Stalin, to the last days, taught us, for we want to be true and worthy pupils and disciples of Lenin, true and worthy pupils and disciples of Stalin.

Comrade Stalin's whole life, illumined by the radiant light of the great ideas of the inspired people's fighter for Communism, is a living and life-asserting example for us.

Stalin was of the people and always felt his kinship with the people, with the working class and the toiling peasantry; he

dedicated all his mighty energy, all his great genius to the people. While still a youth Comrade Stalin saw and profoundly understood with his brilliant mind that in our time the people could find their way to a happy life only through struggle for Communism and this determined his path in life. Stalin unreservedly dedicated himself, his whole life, to the fight for Communism, to selfless struggle for the happiness of the working people, for the happiness of the people.

Stalin was always able to combine the day to day difficult work of the Communist-revolutionary among the working masses with profound study of the theory of Marxism.

That is how we know him as a young man in Tbilisi and in Baku, that is how we know him in the stormy years of the Russian revolution and in the difficult years of tsarist reaction when he had close ties with the workers of St. Petersburg, constantly under a hail of reprisals, persecuted in prison, in exile.

Comrade Stalin's extraordinary talent as the incomparable organizer of our Party and the Soviet state, as a Marxist-Leninist theoretician of genius fully unfolded itself in the years of the revolution and the building of Socialism.

During these years our Party matured, gained in strength and became the great guiding force of the socialist revolution in our country and also grew to be the leading force of the entire international working-class movement. In these years the multi-national Soviet state which had become a model of the practical realization of friendship and fraternal co-operation of peoples, in these years, our state, relying on the working class and the collective-farm peasantry, grew strong as a state of victorious Socialism and took the path of building Communist society. Comrade Stalin played a gigantic part in leading all this work, in the entire development of the forces of our Party and the Soviet state.

Stalin not only gave day to day leadership to the socialist construction in the U.S.S.R. during all these years. He constantly worked on the theoretical problems of building Communism in our country and on problems of international development as a whole, illumining with Marxist-Leninist sci-

ence the path of further development of the U.S.S.R. and the laws of development of Socialism and capitalism under present conditions. He armed our Party and the whole Soviet people with new major discoveries in Marxist-Leninist science, discoveries which for many years to come will light our path of advance for the victory of Communism.

Stalin personally guided the formation and organization of the Red Army and its glorious battles at the most decisive fronts in the Civil War. As Supreme Commander in the years of the Great Patriotic War, Stalin led our country to victory over fascism which fundamentally altered the situation in Europe and in Asia.

To be true and worthy followers of Stalin means always to remember and constantly to take care for strengthening the Soviet Army and Navy, ensuring due preparedness by the Soviet Armed Forces in the event of any attack by the aggressor against our country. To be true and worthy followers of Stalin also means to display due vigilance and staunchness in the struggle against all and sundry intrigues of our enemies, the agents of the imperialist aggressive states.

Our Soviet state has no aggressive aims whatever and for its part does not interfere in the affairs of other states. Our foreign policy, known throughout the world as the Stalin peace-loving foreign policy, is a policy of upholding peace among nations, is an immutable policy of preserving and consolidating peace, fighting against the preparation for and unleashing of another war, a policy of international co-operation and development of business relations with all countries that have like strivings. Such a foreign policy accords with the fundamental interests of the Soviet people and at the same time with the interests of all other peace-loving peoples.

In our country there has been built on the Soviet foundation a multi-national state which, for its stability, steady growth of material might and advance of the culture of the peoples, has no parallel in history. In all this, and first and foremost in the development of the new friendly relations among the peoples of our country, Comrade Stalin played a special, ex-

ceptionally great part. Moreover, Stalin not only guided the development of our multi-national Soviet state for many years but also theoretically illumined vital current problems of the national and colonial question, contributing in this sphere, too, to the development of the scientific foundations of Marxism-Leninism.

Under present conditions all this is of particularly great importance, especially in view of the formation of the states of people's democracy and the growth of the national-liberation movement in the colonies and dependent countries. Loyal to the principles of proletarian internationalism, the peoples of the U.S.S.R. are developing and steadily strengthening fraternal friendship and co-operation with the great Chinese people, with the working people of all People's Democracies, friendly ties with the toiling people of the capitalist and colonial countries fighting for peace, democracy and Socialism.

Dear Comrades, Friends!

In these difficult days we all see with special clarity and constantly feel what a powerful, unshakable and reliable mainstay of the Soviet people our Communist Party is, its iron unity, its indissoluble bonds with the masses of the working people. Our Party, following the behests of the Great Stalin, clearly indicates to us the line of further struggle for the great cause of building Communism in our country. We must rally still closer, more solidly around the Central Committee of our Party, around the Soviet Government.

The immortal name of Stalin will forever live in our hearts, in the hearts of the Soviet people and all progressive mankind. The glory of his great work for the good and happiness of our people and the working people of the world will live eternally!

Long live the great, all-conquering teaching of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin!

Long live our mighty socialist Homeland, our heroic Soviet people!

Long live the great Communist Party of the Soviet Union!

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