

EIGHTH SESSION



MISREPRESENTATION OF ALBANIA, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
HUNGARY, POLAND AND ROMANIA IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
USURPATION OF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF ESTONIA, LATVIA,
AND LITHUANIA BY THE SOVIET UNION

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Upon the occasion of the opening of the 16th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Assembly of Captive European Nations, composed of democratic spokesmen in the free world of the captive nations of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania solemnly declares that:

1. The peoples of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania are prevented from freely expressing their will by their Soviet-imposed puppet governments, as well as by the presence of Soviet troops and agents in their countries. The delegations bearing the names of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania act and vote in the United Nations solely on behalf of Soviet colonial interests and are in fact additional Soviet delegations, similar to those of the Soviet Republics of Ukraine and Byelorussia. Consequently, these so-called delegations have no legal, political or moral rights to represent the nations in whose name they claim to speak.
2. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been brutally deprived of their state sovereignty, national freedom and independence by the Soviet Union, which invaded and occupied them and then incorporated their territories, against the will of their peoples, thus violating her international obligations as well as the fundamental principles of international law. The Soviet Union cynically usurped the right to represent these states in the United Nations. The Assembly of Captive European Nations emphatically states that the Soviet Union has no authority whatever to represent Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the United Nations and is expressing its gratitude that many of the free nations, including the United States Government, have not given their recognition to this unlawful act of the Soviet Union.

The Assembly of Captive European Nations, therefore, appeals to the free member states of the United Nations to reject the credentials of the delegations of the Soviet-controlled Communist regimes of Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania to the 16th General Assembly, as having been issued not by legal governments established as a result of free elections, but by despotic usurpers subservient to a foreign power. It also appeals to the free nations who constitute the majority of the United Nations to deny the Delegation of the Soviet Union the right to speak on behalf of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.