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THREE ANNIVERSARIES.

Our Strength is to Stand Firm.

22 years elapsed on August 6th, since the Soviet Union, after the brutal occupation of our homeland in 1940, in the same brutal way incorporated Latvia into its colonial empire. 42 years ago, on August 11th, 1920, the Soviet Russia, i.e. the later Soviet Union, signed a peace treaty with the independent Latvia, unreservedly recognizing the independence, self-subsistency and sovereignty of the Latvian State for eternal times.

These two significant historical events begin to fade away in the world's memory, as well as already begins to vanish from people's minds the most cynical crime of this century perpetrated against humanity which is now barely one year old, since one year will pass on August 13th, when Moscow ordered its henchmen to begin to build the Berlin wall. In the course of history one year is a very short but, at the same time, also a sufficiently long period of time enabling not to misunderstand the Moscow's intentions - to separate always the free people from those who are not free, to isolate more and more strictly the population of its slave state from the free world's society. In the essence there is nothing new about it, this being only a new act of communist inhumanity.

Communism is still trying to subjugate the free nations and uses new terror methods to intimidate the free world's public opinion, and continues to strengthen the slavery imposed to the subjugated nations.

The Berlin wall is already one year old. The above-mentioned events in our country and in the Baltic area, in general, are several tens of years old. They are not being mentioned much in the Western countries but the people behind the Iron or Bamboo Curtains, as well as those behind the Berlin wall, do remember these events every day.

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This is being constantly reminded by the poverty and the prison regime exercised by communism in the oppressed countries. The enslaved nations will never forgive this to communism! Also the Latvian nation! But we, too, who live in freedom, should always remember this. Likewise, we should not forget our duty to tell and testify about this to all those who do not know what communism is.

Only by keeping together with our brethren and sisters in the captivity we, in the free world, will gather more and more strength to shake off the communist yoke, so that there would be no more Berlin walls in the world or any other shameful means forcibly separating the slaves from the free people.

Let the spirit of unity strengthen us today as we remember and commemorate the events taken from the list of brutalities committed by the Soviet imperialists. Let us invigorate by our demands and our stand the Latvian and other oppressed nations in their will to regain the right of selfdetermination and freedom.

Committee for a Free Latvia.