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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Second Number of New International  
Communist Journal, Problems  
of Peace and Socialism

1. For your information, the second number of Problems of Peace and Socialism went on sale in Prague on 13 September, according to Pravda of 18 September.

2. An unofficial translation of the text of the Pravda notice gives the contents of the second issue of the journal as follows:

Editorial, "Against the Fascist Threat in France"

New Documents of Marx and Lenin: letter from Marx to Feuerbach; letters by Lenin, Zetkin, and Levi to Axelrod, theses on the question of tactics

Article by the Editors in memory of Frederic Joliot-Curie

Walter Ulbricht, "Some Questions of Ideological Work in the SED"

Todor Zhivkov, "Victory of Socialism in Bulgaria"

L. Gruppi, "For Cooperation of Communists and Socialists"

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K. Ostrovityanov and V. Cheprakov, "State Monopoly Capitalism in the Crooked Mirror of Revisionism"

V. Pessi, "Guarding the Interests of the People"

R. Dixon, "Struggle for the Unity of the Trade Union Movement in Australia"

L. Bouhali, "Algeria Belongs to the Algerians"

I. Hajek, "Activities of the Munich-ites Call for Watchfulness"

Khaled Mukh' ed-Din "There is no Place for Colonialism in the Arab Countries!"

In the Communist and Workers Parties: Declaration of CP Malaya; Information on the activities of the Communist Parties in Great Britain, United States, Chile, Austria, Alban'a, Mongolia, and "other countries."

Books and Journals: "Review of the special issue of Rinascita /which was entirely devoted to the political crisis in France/

2. The contents of the second issue of the journal, which came out surprisingly soon after the first, appear to be similar in character and scope. The lead editorial (which was carried in full in L'Humanite, 16 September) markedly intensifies the campaign against De Gaulle's Government as "not yet fascism", but as opening the road to fascism, and the editorial gives the stamp of approval to the line of the French CP.

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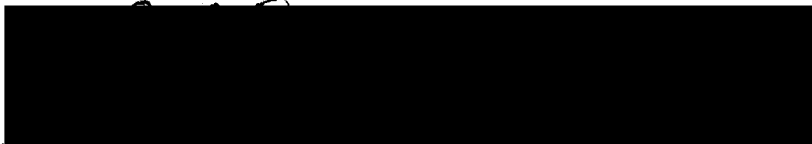
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3. It is also worth noting that the second issue contains an article by an unavowed, but probably secret Communist, Khaled Mukhi ed-Din, who was elected to the World Peace Council in July and was a leading figure in the Egyptian delegation to the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference in December 1957. The inclusion of this article suggests that future issues of the journal will also contain contributions from "non-Communists."

4. Despite some possibly significant omissions (e.g., India, Brazil, Netherlands, Denmark, Greece) the range of coverage of the second issue, like the first, is impressive. Judging from the table of contents, the second issue of the journal continues the emphasis of the first issue on the main lines of the current international strategy: "peace" campaign and hate-America, "national liberation", anti-"revisionism", and united front tactics.

5. Evidently, the Editorial Board had already obtained and processed sufficient material for the second number while the first was being issued. There is internal evidence that the Editorial in the second issue was prepared prior to 5 September. There is no evidence as yet of the appearance of an Italian language version, which was promised for the October issue (i.e., the second issue). The Japanese Party, however, has announced that it will publish a Japanese edition, thereby raising the list of scheduled language editions to seventeen.

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