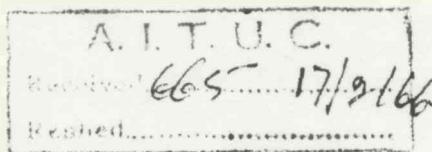


ALL INDIA PEACE COUNCIL

14, Munshi Niketan,
Asaf Ali Road,
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February 15, 1966.

Dear Friend,

The All India Peace Council has decided to invite all organisations, groups and individuals in the country, who support the Tashkent Declaration and wish to promote the Tashkent Spirit, to participate in the NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE TASHKENT SPIRIT, which will take place on March 3, 1966 at 5.30 p.m. at the New Delhi Municipal Hall, Parliament Street, New Delhi.

Rapid strides are being taken to implement the Tashkent Declaration. By February 25, withdrawals of armed forces are expected to be completed. After that, ministerial level talks are to begin to strengthen Indo-Pakistan relations in various fields.

The Tashkent spirit has indeed become a rallying point for peace forces all over the world. Its essence is the renunciation of force for the settlement of disputes between independent nations, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, and peaceful co-existence.

While the vast majority of the Indian people have welcomed and supported the Tashkent Declaration, there are forces inside and outside the country, which have striven to oppose the Tashkent spirit. Having failed to prevent the implementation of the Declaration, they seek now to prevent further progress towards a lasting Indo-Pakistan peace. The imperialist powers are using all possible means to keep Indo-Pakistan tension alive, so that they can continue to interfere in the internal affairs of both India and Pakistan.

Public opinion must be roused to thwart the evil designs of the imperialists and reactionaries. The Tashkent spirit demands new initiatives for peace by India.

The National Convention for the Promotion of the Tashkent Spirit is being called with a view to discuss seriously the measures which must be taken for further progress along the Tashkent road. The importance and national significance of the Convention is obvious.

We shall be very happy if your organisation can take part in the Convention and nominate its delegates. We are asking All India organisations to send 10 delegates each, and local and state organisations 5 each.

Would you kindly inform us the names of your delegates at your earliest convenience?

A preliminary meeting will be held on Wednesday March 2 at 5.30 p.m. at 14, Theatre Communication Buildings, Connaught Circus, New Delhi. We shall be very grateful if one or two representatives of your organisation can attend this important meeting, which will work out a detailed programme for the Convention and finalise resolutions.

Thanking you and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Chaman Lall
(Diwan Chaman Lall)
Chairman
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April 9, 1966.

Dear Friend,

The "National Convention for the Promotion of the Tashkent Spirit" held in New Delhi last month decided to organise an INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AGAINST MILITARY PACTS AND FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN NEW DELHI FROM NOVEMBER 11 to 14, 1966.

The proposal has already been enthusiastically supported by many prominent personalities in India and other countries and by several peace organisations.

To the Indian people the menace of military pacts and military bases is a life experience. Only a few months ago the SEATO and CENTO gave open support and military assistance to Pakistan in her aggressive design against India. The efforts of the U.S. and British Government to set up nuclear base in the Indian Ocean is a new threat to the sovereignty of many countries including ours.

The initiative taken by the peace forces in India is therefore a very timely and significant step.

To discuss the details of the different aspects of preparation and to form a representative and effective Preparatory Committee for organising the conference, a meeting of representatives of different peace organisations and important people from different walks of life will take place on Tuesday April 12, at 6 P.M. at 14, Theatre Communication Buildings, Connaught Circus, New Delhi - 1.

We earnestly hope that you will make it convenient to attend this important meeting.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Diwan Chaman Lall, M.F.
Chairman
Presidential Committee
All India Peace Council.

K. D. Malaviya, M.F.
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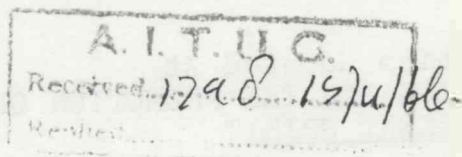
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AGAINST MILITARY PACTS
AND FOREIGN MILITARY BASES

INDIAN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

14, Munshi Niketan,
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April 13, 1966.



Dear Friend,

At a meeting held in New Delhi on April 12, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anup Singh, M.P., it was decided to constitute the Indian Preparatory Committee for the International Conference Against Military Pacts and Foreign Military Bases to be held in New Delhi from November 12 to 15, 1966.

The proposal to hold the Conference was first made at the National Convention for Promotion of the Tashkent Spirit on March (resolution attached herewith)

We are glad to inform you that a large number of distinguished and representative leaders of public opinion have already agreed to be members of the Preparatory Committee. Shri V.K. Krishna Menon, M.P. has been unanimously requested to head the Committee.

Members of Parliament who have given their consent to take an active part in organising the Conference include Diwan Chaman Lall, Shri K.D. Malaviya, Shri Gurmukh Singh Musafir, Dr. Anup Singh, Shri Homi Daji, Shri M. Elias, Shri Arjun Arora, Shri Mahesh Dutt Misra, Shri Akbar Ali Khan and several others.

It has been decided to approach all those distinguished persons, who were members of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference for Peace and International Cooperation held in New Delhi on November 1964, to join the Preparatory Committee of the coming Conference.

Your interest in world problems is well-known. You were one of those who took a very keen interest in the preparations for the 1964 Conference, and we shall be most grateful if you would kindly agree to be a member of the Indian Preparatory Committee for the International Conference Against Military Pacts and Foreign Military Bases.

The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 10 a.m. at 19, Teen Murti Marg (Shri V.K. Krishna Menon's residence). We shall be very grateful if you could kindly attend the meeting. In case you are unable to do so, would you please write and inform us of your consent to be a member of the Preparatory Committee?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
for CONVENERS

(Anup Singh, M.P.)

Resolution Adopted At
NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF
THE TASHKENT SPIRIT

New Delhi, March 3, 1966

WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST
MILITARY PACTS AND BASES

The National Convention for the Promotion of the Tashkent Spirit draws the urgent attention of the peoples of the world to the grave dangers to world peace arising from the existence of aggressive military pacts and of foreign military bases all over the world.

The Indian people have had a grim experience of the death-dealing propensities of pacts like the SEATO and CENTO. The craving of certain powers for the establishment of military bases in Kashmir has been a major factor in keeping alive Indo-Pakistan tension.

The Convention believes that the way to a lasting peace is seriously impeded by military pacts and foreign military bases. World wide public action for their abolition is a need of the hour.

The Convention, therefore, resolves to call a WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST MILITARY PACTS AND FOREIGN BASES in New Delhi, from November 11 to 14, 1966. A Preparatory Committee for the Conference will be established, with representatives of the member organisations of this Convention, as its initial members.
