

SEVENTH SESSION



THE UNITED NATIONS AND SOVIET COLONIALISM

Resolution unanimously adopted in the 85th Meeting of the Plenary Assembly, held in New York City, on Monday, October 24, 1960.  
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Albania

Bulgaria

Czechoslovakia

Estonia

Hungary

Latvia

Lithuania

Poland

Romania

THE ASSEMBLY OF CAPTIVE EUROPEAN NATIONS,

Noting that an item described as "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples" was inscribed on the agenda of the 15th Session of the United Nations General Assembly;

Noting further that the principles written into the draft Declaration submitted under the same title to the United Nations General Assembly and especially (a) the right of any people to build up its national state in conformity with its freely expressed will and desire, and (b) the right of any people to determine its destiny and form of government is of universal application;

Considering that nine European nations: Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, were deprived of these elementary rights and that Communist governments were imposed, by the Soviet Union, by force and subversion, in all these countries;

Considering further that free elections have not taken place in any of these countries:

1. Declares to be in full accord with any action the United Nations would undertake, in harmony with the provisions of its Charter, to ensure universal respect for and observance of these principles;
2. Appeals to the free United Nations member nations
  - (a) to include in the final text of the resolution the clear affirmation that the principles which inspire it, and especially the right to choose freely a government and a social regime under which to live, applies to



the countries which had been free and independent:  
Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary,  
Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, from whom  
these rights were wrenched by force and subversion;

- (b) to demand the holding of free elections under the control  
of the United Nations in all of these countries.