

The Final Communique and Resolutions of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the  
Kurdish Students Society in Europe (U.K. Branch)

The twelfth Annual General Meeting of the United Kingdom Branch was held in London on the 19th/20th April, 1968. It was attended by more than 30 members of the branch. A member of the Secretariat Council of the Kurdish Students' Society in Europe, a representative from West Berlin's branch, a representative of the Iraqi Students' Society in the United Kingdom, and some Kurdish friends from Europe were also present.

The meeting opened with one minute's silence in memory of the martyrs of Kurdistan. The Secretary then greeted the guests and members of the branch who were present. Speeches were given by the Secretariat Council of the K.S.S.E.'s representative, the representative of West Berlin's branch and the member of the Iraqi Society. All the letters and telegrams which had been received from other branches, absent members and friends of the branch were read.

After the members had elected the presiding committee and had decided upon the agenda, the Treasurer read his report which was discussed and put to vote. The Secretary then read the committee's report, he explained the present situation in Kurdistan and reviewed the activities of the branch since the Eleventh Annual Meeting. This was followed by a thorough discussion and the report was voted upon.

The following resolutions were taken:-

A. The branch adopts the resolutions of the Twelfth Conference of the K.S.S.E. which was held in Belgrade last December. These are as follows:

1. The conference

GREETIS -The Kurdish Revolution in Iraqi Kurdistan and expresses solidarity with it.

-The Partisans (Pesh Merga'), who have carried arms and faced death to defend our national rights and holds in great esteem their precious sacrifices in the cause of the revolution.

-Mustafa Barzani, and thanks him for the letter which the conference received from him.

URGES - All organisations and political groups of the Kurdish Nation to support the revolution in order to achieve autonomy for Kurdistan within a free and democratic Iraq.

2. The conference

EXPRESSES -Its worries about the friction between the national groups in Iraqi Kurdistan.

URGES -All the people concerned to put an end to this friction and to work, instead, for the interests of our national demands and the revolution and its aims. It also urges them to stand united against all plans which aim at inhibiting the Kurdish national question.

3. The conference

CONSIDERS -The present system of government in Iraq as a military dictatorship that stands against the Iraqi nation's basic democratic rights.

-That it is isolated from the Iraqi people and, by disregarding the demands of the Arabs and the Kurds in Iraq, denies them their basic democratic rights.

-That it is withholding the fulfilment of the 29th of June agreement.

-That the fundamental solution to the Iraqi people's problems, including the Kurdish war, lies in having a national and progressive coalition government which would ensure democracy and autonomy for Kurdistan.

4. The conference

EXTENDS -Its greetings to all the national groups in Iraq and asks them to unite in a progressive national and democratic front in order to bring an end to the military dictatorship in Iraq. To form a progressive and national coalition government which would fulfil the demands of the Kurdish people, secure the independence and unity of the Republic of Iraq and stand against Imperialistic plots.

5. The conference

URGES -The Iraqi Government to fulfil, in its entirety, the items of the 29th of June agreement.

DEMANDS-Full democratic rights for the Iraqi people.

-The release of all political prisoners in Iraq.

-That the blackmailing of prisoners, by forcing them to sign documents repudiating their beliefs as a condition for their release, should cease forthwith.

6. The conference

CONDEMNNS -The Iraqi Government's withdrawal of passports and withholding of grants and scholarships of some Iraqi students.

DEMANDS -The restoration of passports, grants and scholarships to these students, despite their ideological beliefs.

7. The conference, while appreciating the progressive social and economic changes in Syria,

CONDEMNNS -The discrimination policy of the Syrian Government against our Kurdish people in Syria. This policy is not in accordance with the Syrian Government's claims of socialism, freedom and progress.

DEMANDS-- A stop to the fascist (Arab Belt) scheme.

-The restoration of Syrian national identity withdrawn from tens of thousands of Kurds.

-The release of all political prisoners in Syria.

-The return of all the deported people, especially the Kurdish patriot Othman Sabri.

-A stop to the discrimination against the Kurds, and demands equality with the Arabs especially as regards land reform laws.

-The fulfilment of the civil and educational rights of the Kurdish people in Syria.

8. The conference

GREETTS -The Kurdish Uprising in Iranian Kurdistan.

CONDEMNNS -The police state policy towards the Kurds in Iran.

DEMANDS -The fulfilment of the Kurdish national and democratic rights.

-That the Kurds be allowed to have their own schools and be allowed to publish newspapers in Kurdish.

-A rise in the standards of health, economy and education in Iranian Kurdistan.

-The release of all political prisoners and cessation of aggressive actions against the Kurdish people in Iran.

9. The conference

SUPPORTS-The struggle of the Iranian students against the Imperialistic regime of the Shahinshah and their struggle for a progressive and democratic regime which would recognise the national and democratic rights of the Kurdish people in Iran.

10. The conference

DEMANDS -The cessation of the Turkish Government's policy to ignore the existence of a Kurdish nationality in Turkey.

-The recognition by the Turkish Government of the national and democratic rights of the Kurdish people in Turkey and a rise in the standards of the economy, health, social aspects and education of the Kurdish people in Turkey.

-That the Kurdish people be permitted to have their own publication and radio programmes in Kurdish.

-That all people in Turkey, regardless of national identity and ideological beliefs, be considered equal.

CONDEMNNS -The Toranian ideas which refuse to recognise the non-Turkish nations and consider all inhabitants of Turkey as Turks.

11. The conference

DEMANDS -The release of all political prisoners in Turkey.

CONDEMNNS -The deporting of 16 Kurds from their home land to parts of Western Turkey.

-The re-trial of 20 Kurds, who, when tried two years ago, were declared innocent.

-The denial of perogative to two Kurdish members of the Turkish Parliament.

-The demoting of Kurdish officers serving in the Turkish army.

12. The conference

URGES -The Arab citizens, the political parties and organisations, both national and governmental, in the Arab countries to reject the reactionary and chauvinistic propoganda against the aims and principles of the Kurdish movement.

-These people to understand thoroughly the Kurdish national question for the sake of strengthening the ties of friendship between the Arabs and the Kurds and their common struggle against Imperialism, reactionary regimes and military dictatorships and to work for peace, national liberation and democracy.

13. The conference

SUPPORTS-The struggle of the Arab people against Imperialism and Zionism and their struggle for democracy and social and economic reforms

-The Palestinian people in their struggle to retain their national rights.

DEMANDS -The withdrawal of aggressors from the occupied territory.

14. The conference

SUPPORTS-All the progressive liberation movements in the world which aim at putting an end to world Imperialism and at building a world based on equality, peace and freedom.

CONDEMNNS-The intervention of the Imperialists in other countries' internal affairs.

GREETTS -The Vietnamese people in their struggle against American aggression and for the liberation of the rest of their country.

SUPPORTS -The struggle of the Greeks against the military junta for freedom and democracy.

15. The conference

THANKS -All organisations that supported the society and assisted her in holding this conference, especially the Union of Yugoslavian Students.

-All the people and organisations who sent greetings, especially those who sent representatives to the conference.

HOPES -That the ties of friendship between us will always remain strong in order to achieve our common aims.

In addition to these resolutions listed above, the Annual General Meeting took several others. It found it necessary to emphasise:

1. The aggressive action of the Syrian Government against the Kurdish people in Syria.

The A.G.M.

CONDEMNNS -The fascist Government of Syria for its discriminatory policy against the Kurdish people of Syria.

EXPRESSES -Its solidarity with the Kurdish people's struggle against the Syrian junta.

2. The condition of the Kurds in Turkey.

The A.G.M.

CONDEMNNS -The action of the Turkish Government who, after deciding upon a five-year economic plan in 1963 for the Kurdish part of Turkey, implemented this plan instead in other parts of the country only.

DEMANDS - That the new economic plan should be extended in Turkish Kurdistan.

- The cessation of the chauvinistic policy of the Turkish Government against the Kurdish people in Turkey.

C. The A.G.M.

URGES -All the Kurdish people in Europe to unite, despite their ideological beliefs, in order to prevent our common enemy from taking advantage of any disunity.

UNITED, WE STAND; DIVIDED, WE FALL

The final item on the agenda was the nomination and the election of the new committee. The Annual General Meeting ended with the Kurdish Hymn, "Ay Rakib".

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