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Comrades of the LYC,

in your country as in ours, imperialism seems to be stronger and more magnificent and more radiant than ever! He still owns capital without end and even throws it out the window. He wages wars to demonstrate his strength. It outperforms its competitors, has even driven its worst enemy, socialism, out of the field and emerges from history as the victor. That's one way of putting it! Many who call themselves revolutionaries also see it that way.

BUT the opposite is the case. And even the newspaper writers are beginning to doubt that way. In fact, every step that the ruling class takes is an admission of capitalist incompetence. Production, once a showpiece of the capitalist world, is crumbling. Millions are unemployed. Why aren't they exploited by capital when it only grows by absorbing the labor of these millions? An admission of weakness? The innovation and the progress! Once the seal of quality of emerging capitalism, throwing out everything old and only producing with the newest, best and cheapest? But stagnation everywhere today? Development of new productive forces, international trade, simple improvements in production processes, new construction of infrastructure - the gears are creaking everywhere and you can't get anywhere!

Comrades, in your as in our country it becomes apparent, that's the ruling class in our countries that threatens the world and has proved time and again that they will stop at nothing for profit. We live in the times of the revolution, all it takes is a nudge and the whole ramshackle shop collapses. And we, as revolutionary youth in these countries, have to expose these weaknesses. We should not talk and write about the strength of the rulers, but about their permanent declarations of bankruptcy. Not from our smallness, but from our greatness, which we achieve when we learn from the mistakes of our predecessors. Our greatness – that is also the struggles of the peoples around the world, which have long since shown that things are no longer possible under imperialism, which are being conducted courageously and willing to make sacrifices. They make our goals easier if we do everything to fight the struggles in our countries with all our might.

With this in mind, we wish your conference every success!