Telegram from V.M. Molotov to Soviet embassies in Warsaw, Prague and Belgrade, 22 June 1947

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WARSAW, SOVIET EMBASSY, TO LEBEDEV[[1]](#footnote-1),

PRAGUE - || - TO BODROV [[2]](#footnote-2),

BELGRADE - || - TO LAVRIENTIEV [[3]](#footnote-3).

Submit personally (to Bierut[[4]](#footnote-4), Gottwald[[5]](#footnote-5) and Tito)

1) We have accepted Britain and France’s invitation for the USSR to participate at the meeting of the three ministers concerning the US’s assistance to European countries.

2) At this meeting, we will insist that other allied European countries should be involved in the development of corresponding economic measures (Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg), as they have suffered German occupation and assisted the attainment of victory over Germany. However, we will object to the involvement of former satellites, including Austria, and of the former neutral countries.

3) We consider it desirable for friendly allied countries to take the initiative with their participation in the development of the specified economic activities, and declare their intentions, keeping in mind that some European countries (the Netherlands and Belgium) have already expressed such desires.

Please telegraph on execution.

June, 22, 1947. MOLOTOV.

Copies for Comrades Stalin, Molotov and the 10th department.

Familiarise Comrades Vyshinsky, Malik[[6]](#footnote-6), Zorin[[7]](#footnote-7) and Bogomolov[[8]](#footnote-8).

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1. Lebedev, Victor Zakharovich (1900-1968) - Soviet diplomat. Soviet ambassador to London (1943-1945), Soviet ambassador to Poland (1945-1951), Soviet ambassador to Finland (1954-1958). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Bodrov, Mikhail Fyodorovich (1903–1988) - Soviet diplomat. Counsellor at the Embassy of the USSR in Czechoslovakia (1946–1948), Soviet Ambassador to Bulgaria (1948–1954), Deputy Head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR (1954–1958), Soviet Ambassador to Israel (1958–1964), Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait (1966–1970). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Lavrentiev, Anatoly Iosifovich (1904–1986) - Soviet diplomat. USSR People’s Commissar for Foreign Affairs (1944–1946), Soviet Ambassador to Yugoslavia (1946–1949), Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR (1949–1951), Soviet Ambassador to Czechoslovakia (1951–1952), Soviet Ambassador to Romania (1952–1953), Soviet Ambassador to Iran (1953–1956). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Bierut, Bolesław (1892-1956) - Polish party leader and statesman. Head of the State National Council (Krajowa Rada Narodowa) (1944 - 1947), President and then Chairman of the State Council of the People's Republic of Poland (1947 - 1952), Polish Prime Minister (1952 - 1954). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Gottwald, Klement (1896-1953) - Czechoslovak party leader and statesman. Head of the Communist party of Czechoslovakia, Czechoslovak Prime Minister (in the Government of the People's Front, 1942 -1945), President of Czechoslovakia (1948 - 1953). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Malik, Yakov Aleksandrovich (1906-1980) - Soviet diplomat and statesman. Soviet ambassador to Japan (1942-1945), political consultant to the Allied Council in Japan (1946), Deputy Foreign Minister of the USSR (1946) and the Permanent Representative of the USSR to the UN (1948-1952), Soviet ambassador to the UK (1953-1960). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Zorin, Valerian Aleksandrovich (1920-1986) - Soviet Diplomat and statesman. Soviet ambassador to Czechoslovakia (1945-1947), Deputy Foreign Minister of the USSR (1947-1955), Permanent Representative of the USSR to the UN (1952-1953). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Bogomolov, Aleksandr Yefremovich (1900-1969) - Soviet diplomat. Soviet ambassador to Yugoslavian Government-in-exile (1941-1943), Soviet ambassador to Czechoslovakia (1952-1954). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)