

D E C L A R A T I O N

The Sixteenth Congress of the Macedonian Political Organization of the United States of America, Canada, and Australia convened at Indianapolis, Indiana, on September fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven with complete unanimity voted the following declaration:

The depressing reports, which we receive incessantly from our native land, Macedonia, obligate this assembly to reveal to the enlightened public opinion of America, Europe, Australia, and the remaining continents and to the controllers of the world's destinies the tragic lot of the enslaved Macedonian people who are living under the impress of a vicious oppression.

In their irrational aspiration to assimilate the Macedono-Bulgarians, who comprise the major portion of the population of Macedonia, the Governments of Jugoslavia and Greece obstinately persist in their policy of enforced subjugation and oppression in our afflicted Motherland.

Jugoslavia and Greece refused to recognize those national and political privileges and liberties which were guaranteed to the Bulgarians in Macedonia by the celebrated covenant for protection of the national minorities under foreign domination. Jugoslavia was obliged to respect these rights by virtue of articles two to nine inclusive, in the Treaty signed between the Allied and Associated Powers and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, on September tenth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, at St. Germain-En-Laye. The Jugoslavian Government categorically declined to fulfill the decrees of the Minority Agreement, which pledged the national and cultural prerogatives of the subjugated Macedonian people.

The present Jugoslav Government obdurately adopted this same policy. The latter, in order to divert the attention of the world from the outrageous treatment of the Macedonians under Jugoslavia, resorted to a clever artifice—the negotiation and ratification of the Treaty for "Eternal" Jugoslav-Bulgarian Friendship. This shallow treaty was welcomed undiscerningly by some quarters and persons as the threshold of a