

# Brezhnev Rebuffs Johnson on Europe

## But Favors Move To Nuclear Pact; Also Raps China

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MOSCOW, Oct. 15—Soviet Communist Party chief Brezhnev today rebuffed President Johnson's plea for closer Soviet-American relations, saying this was impossible so long as the United States pursues "aggressive war" in Vietnam.

But Brezhnev said the Soviet Union in principle favors development of mutually profitable relations with the United States, and, like Mr. Johnson, he welcomed the "progress" recently made toward an agreement to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

Brezhnev pledged that Moscow will "exert efforts" to conclude an "international" non-proliferation treaty. He did not mention that its fate depends on the outcome of Soviet-American negotiations.

### Responds to LBJ Overture

The Party leader selected a nationally-televised Kremlin rally in honor of visiting Polish leaders to deliver the Soviet response to President Johnson's overture, made in a New York speech Oct. 6. The President then called for "peaceful engagement" in Europe and announced economic concessions to eastern Europe to further that end.

Brezhnev said Mr. Johnson was suffering from "a strange and persistent delusion" in assuming that American relations with the East could "develop unhampered in spite of United States aggression

against Vietnam and American interference in the affairs of other states."

He added, "We have already declared more than once that if the United States wants to develop mutually profitable relations with the Soviet Union (and we would like this in principle), it is necessary to remove the main obstacle:

"Stop the piratical raids on a Socialist state, the DRV (North Vietnam), and stop the See BREZHNEV, A20, Col. 3

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aggressive war against the Vietnamese people; respect not in words but in deeds the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of other countries and people."

### No U.S. Withdrawal Asked

The lack of a specific demand for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from South Vietnam stirred speculation among diplomats here. The Communist position, repeated in Hanoi as recently as Thursday, has been that withdrawal is one of the preconditions for any Vietnamese settlement. But the diplomats hesitated to draw firm conclusions.

Brezhnev also delivered a

slashing attack on China's leaders, similar to that voiced Thursday by Soviet Premier Kosgin.

Brezhnev asserted that the Chinese leaders were "actually helping American imperialism" in Vietnam by attacking the Soviet Union, by "splitting" the Communist movement and by refusing to undertake "joint actions" with the Soviet Union "in defense of Vietnam."

He said these Peking policies, along with Peking's so-called "cultural revolution," have "nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism" and can only "discredit" Communism.

Polish Communist Party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka also spoke at the friendship rally. He, too, omitted any specific call for a U.S. withdrawal in discussing Vietnam. But he said, "An unconditional termination of bombing must become the first basic preliminary condition for embarking on a peaceful quest for a political solution."