

Letter from Slovak exiles about the Congress of Europe in The Hague (Buenos Aires, 5 May 1948)

Caption: On 5 May 1948, anti-Communist Slovak activists send a letter to the former British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, Chairman of the Congress of Europe in The Hague, in which they express their wishes for success to those attending the Congress and their desire to see Slovakia become part of a European federation.

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His Excellency
Mr. Dr. Kertsens, President of United Europe Congress,
The Haag.

Buenos Aires, May 5, 1948

Excellency,

In the name of the anti-Communist Slovak Nation we beg to greet the United Europe Congress that under Your Excellency's Presidency is promising the bitterly tried European peoples a future of Peace, Progress and Democracy.

We beg to assure Your Excellency and the Honourable Delegates to the United Europe Congress that the Slovaks as a whole are fully standing up for a United States of Europe which will guarantee national freedom and self-government to all the peoples concerned. In this connection we beg to emphasize that the Slovaks want to become member of the United States of Europe on equal terms with other peoples. In consequence, they consider any tendency to restore the so-called Czecho-Slovakia as an anti-democratic one. This Slovak request is based upon natural right to self-determination and statehood guaranteed in the last times by the Atlantic and United Nations' Charters.

The Slovak Nation will be a peaceful member of the All-European community of nations linked by ideals of Democracy, Progress and Civilization.

Please give our sincere respects to all the Honourable Delegates to the Congress and we regret were not enabled to assist to this historically far-reaching Congress.

Please accept, Excellency, the profession of our respectful consideration.

Doc. Dr. Stephen Polakovic, Secretary-General

Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Durcansky, President