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COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.; INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ORAL SUMMARY OF THE STATEMENT QUOTED FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION (CCPSU) ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FURNISHED TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

THE REASON FOR THE RED ARMY AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' MILITARY BEING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRESIDUM AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE CZECH GOVERNMENT ASKED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO HELP THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND TO RENDER ASSISTANCE (NO NAMES OF PRESIDUM OR GOVERNMENT MEMBERS WERE GIVEN WHEN ASKED FOR). AS A RESULT OF THE LATEST EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE MENACE OF COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND THE DANGER OF THE RIGHT - WING FORCES, THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS ON THE BRINK OF LOSING ITS POWER. THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY AND RIGHT - WING FORCES, ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE GAINING GREAT POWER AND SUCCEEDED IN RALLYING ALL OPPOSITION

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FORCES AGAINST THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY AND RIGHT - WING SLOGAN "TWENTY YEARS OF SHAME" WAS THEIR RALLYING CRY.

THESE EVENTS CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, UNDERMINED THE INFLUENCE OF THE PARTY MEMBERS AMONG THE WORKING CLASS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND UNDERMINED THE POWER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AMONG THE WORKING CLASS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN THE TRADE UNIONS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS.

LARGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS WERE WITHOUT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS ON THE BALLOT.

POINT ONE: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS GOING THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT PERIOD OF DIFFERENCES RESULTING IN A SPLIT IN THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND TO A CERTAIN DEGREE AMONG THE LOCAL DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEES.

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POINT TWO: MANY LOYAL LEADING ELEMENTS WERE DISPLACED BY NEWER PARTY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WERE NOT CONNECTED WITH RESPONSIBLE WORK FOR THE PARTY FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

POINT THREE: THE ELECTIONS OF THE TRADE UNION COMMITTEES WERE WITHOUT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS OR SYMPATHIZERS ON THE SLATE.

MORAL TERROR TOOK PLACE AGAINST HONEST AND LOYAL PARTY MEMBERS. PARTY MEMBERSHIP WAS DISORIENTED FROM THE MASSES OF PEOPLE DUE TO INTIMIDATION ON THE PART OF RIGHT - WING AND COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. THIS RESULTED IN CONFUSION ON A LARGE SCALE. AS A RESULT,

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LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICALLY UNTRAINED PERSONNEL WERE INVOLVED IN ANTI-SOCIALIST ACTIVITIES. AT THE MEETINGS OF CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRESIDUM GAVE ASSURANCES THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE COMPLETE MEASURES AND STEPS TO STRENGTHEN SOCIALISM. IT WAS HOPED THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA WOULD RESIST THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY MOVES, BUT IMPORTANT LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK POLITICIANS BROKE THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

AT THE SAME TIME THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY AND RIGHT - WING FORCES WERE ACTIVE, AND THEIR AIMS WERE FORMULATED IN MANY DOCUMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DOCUMENT TITLED "MEMORANDA OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PEOPLE." THIS MEMORANDA WAS PREPARED AND ORGANIZED BY COMMITTEES OF "CZECHOSLOVAKIAN JUST SOCIALIST PARTY." THIS MEMORANDA SAYS, "A LAW WHICH WE WOULD APPROVE MUST PROHIBIT ALL PARTY ACTIVITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WE WOULD IMPOSE A BAN ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WE WOULD DISBAND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BECAUSE THIS PARTY IS A CRIMINAL FASCIST ORGANIZATION."

FOR EXAMPLE, THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF SLOVAKIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING. THAT ELECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE HELD UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, ITALY AND FRANCE.

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NEXT - THAT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT SOCIALIZED LAND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PEASANTS, AND THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE FORMATION OF COLLECTIVES MUST BE COMPENSATED. ANOTHER DEMAND MADE WAS THAT THE SLOVAK BOURGEOISIE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BE PERMITTED TO FUNCTION AGAIN. PUBLICATIONS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY PRESS MUST BE STOPPED. THIS MEMORANDA OR DOCUMENT ENDED WITH THE WORDS "DEATH TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA." DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES ORGANIZED A SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN UNDER THE APPEAL - "LET US DISSOLVE THE WORKING MILITIA." THIS SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS EVERYWHERE. DURING SOME DEMONSTRATIONS, ROCKS AND STONES WERE THROWN AT

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PARTY HEADQUARTERS. HOOLIGAN ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES SLOGANS WERE BEING HEARD EVERYWHERE. "LITERNITURI LISTI" PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN WHICH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE SHOWN AS BEING EQUAL TO THOSE OF HITLER, AND THE PRESSES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE PUT ON THE LEVEL OF GOEBBELS PROPAGANDA. STEP BY STEP IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER THEY PURSUED A POLICY OF REMOVAL OF COMMUNISTS FROM POWER. THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES WERE IN CONTACT WITH REACTIONARY FORCES ABROAD - THE SOCIALIST PARTY WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY CENTER OF IMMIGRANTS IN PARIS. THIS CENTER'S NEWSPAPER,

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"SVIDETSTOV," WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN VICHY, FRANCE, CONSULTED WITH CLUB TWO THREE ONE. AMONG THE LEADERS OF THIS CLUB WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE CONNECTED WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THE PEOPLES CATHOLIC PARTY MAINTAINS CONNECTIONS WITH THE CENTER IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA. IT IS HEADED BY JESUIT GLINITZA AND KOSTELEZKI, WHO ARE AGENTS OF THE AUSTRIAN CATHOLIC PARTY. THE POLITICALLY RESTORED SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS ACTING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL OF AUSTRIA AND WEST GERMANY.

ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE CLUB "ACTIVE NON-PARTY MEMBERS," IVAN SVITAK, MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO ARE CLOSE TO IMPERIALIST CIRCLES. THEY ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH RADIO FREE EUROPE.

THE OPPOSITION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS READY FOR POWER. AT FIRST THE FIVE NATIONS DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TO OVERCOME THE CRISIS AGAINST THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES BY POLITICAL MEANS. THIS WAS A SINCERE DESIRE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION TO SUPPORT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS WORKING CLASS AND TO PREVENT THE DANGEROUS TURNING POINT. THE MEETINGS OF CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA SERVED THE SAME PURPOSE.

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THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WERE TRYING BY ALL METHODS TO ELECT A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRIOR TO THE FOURTEENTH CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON THE NINTH OF SEPTEMBER. ALSO IN THIS LIGHT, THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND LOCAL COUNCILS IN THE PROVINCES WITH THE SLOGAN "DO NOT ELECT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS." THIS CALCULATION WAS TO REMOVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM POWER.

THE TACTICS OF THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WERE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF HUNGARY OF NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THEY, THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, BEGAN FIRST BY TRYING TO DISCREDIT THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THEY ALSO TRIED TO DEFEAT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS IN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS BY THIS PROCESS, CAUSING CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE MASSES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. ALL THIS WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE SOME LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE INFLUENCED BY THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND SUPPORTED THIS PROCESS. SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATED IN THE ANTI-SOCIALIST ORGANIZATIONS BY SPEECHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. IN THEIR SPEECHES THEY TRIED TO REVISE MARXISM - LENINISM. MANY SOVIET SOLDIERS DIED FOR THE LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA MUCH BLOOD WAS SHED FOR THIS LIBERATION.

THE DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS INTERNATIONAL. THE DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM IN GENERAL IS DEFENDED BY THE WORLD COMMUNIST PARTIES.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE FIVE SOCIALIST NATIONS AT BRATISLAVA PROCEEDED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THEY DECIDED TO MEET THE REQUEST OF SOME PRESIDIUM MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND, THEREFORE, SENT SOVIET AND ALLIED MILITARY UNITS INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE SOVIET AND ALLIED MILITARY UNITS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAWN FROM THE TERRITORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS SOON AS THE EXISTING THREAT TO SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS REMOVED.

OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO OVERCOME THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST, IMPROVE METHODS OF LEADERSHIP AND RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIS IS THE CAUSE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN VIEW OF THE FURTHER AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WE HAVE TAKEN THE JOINT DECISION TO SATISFY THE REQUEST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONRADES.

THE DANGER TO THE SOCIALIST CAUSE WOULD BE GREATER IF THE COUNTER - REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WOULD HAVE GAINED THE VICTORY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WE ARE FULFILLING OUR INTERNATIONAL DUTY, AND FOR US THIS DUTY IS ABOVE ALL.

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