

C/S -- 1ST ADD RELEAD PRAVDA (CN 249) XXX COMMONWEALTH

THE STATEMENT SAID ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS "ORGANISED A SMEAR CAMPAIGN" AGAINST INDIVIDUAL PARTY MEMBERS AND THE SOVIET UNION "ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE STAFF EXERCISES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY."

CITING EVIDENCE OF WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS ATTEMPTS BY REACTIONARIES AND RIGHTWING EXTREMISTS TO DISCREDIT AND WEAKEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE LEADERS SAID: "WE TOOK UPON OURSELVES PATRIOTIC FORCES IN THE NAME OF OUR SOCIALIST FUTURE AND OUR HOMELAND."

"THE DANGER OF FRATRICIDAL STRUGGLE, WHICH REACTION WAS PREPARING AND WHICH WOULD BE A TRAGIC REPETITION OF LIPAN (A REFERENCE TO A BATTLE IN 1434), PLACED BEFORE US THE NECESSITY OF ADOPTING THE HISTORIC DECISION TO TURN FOR HELP TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

THEY CALLED ON ALL CITIZENS TO RALLY ROUND "THE REALISTICALLY THINKING NUCLEUS OF THE PARTY."

IT SAID THIS NUCLEUS "CHERISHES THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, PROGRESS AND THE NEW POST-JANUARY PATH, WHICH CHERISHES THE CAUSE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER FRATERNAL COUNTRIES."

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