

C/S - 1ST ADD - USCP ORGAN ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CN - 254) XXX THIS

WHAT EVIDENTLY MOVED THE FIVE POWERS WAS THAT THE SINISTER GROUPINGS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE SEIZING UPON THE ALTOGETHER JUSTIFIABLE RESOLVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PEOPLE TO FOREVER END THE ARBITRARY AND UNJUST PRACTICES OF THE PAST REGIME. THESE GROUPING WERE WORKING TO UNDERMINE THE PRESTIGE AND TO ABOLISH THE LEADING ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. SUCH A POLITICAL CLIMATE COULD LEAD TO THE RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM AND ITS PSEUDO- DEMOCRACY. THIS IS NOT THE DEMOCRATIZATION THAT SOCIALISTS GENUINELY SEEK.

THE TRAGEDY WAS THAT THE DOMINANT LEADERSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY DID NOT EFFECTIVELY MEET THE CHALLENGE OF SUBVERSION, DEPITE ALL ITS DECLARED INTENTION.

GUS HALL, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S. DESCRIBED THE SITUATION AS MARKED BY "A CREEPING POLITICAL PARALYSIS" AND "A CREEPING COUNTER-REVOLUTION."

CONSIDER: AN ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN CREATED WHERE IN HUNDREDS OF SO-CALLED JOURNALISTS FROM WESTERN GERMANY AND OTHER CAPITALIST COUNTRIES ENTERED THE SCENE AND LABORED TO SUBVERT CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MASKING ANTI-SOCIALIST INCITEMENTS UNDER THE PRETEXT OF SEEKING INFORMATION.

THE FIVE POWERS OBVIOUSLY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WITHIN THE LAND HAD ESTABLISHED CONNECTIONS WITH COUNTER-REVOLUTION ABROAD.

BAD AS ALL THIS IS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS NOT THE ONLY LAND IN JEOPARDY. THE SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST WORLD WAS IMPERILLED. AS GUS HALL PUT IT: THE CORRIDOR LEADING FROM WEST GERMANY INTO THE VERY HEART OF THE FAMILY OF SOCIALIST NATIONS AS LEFT UNGUARDED.

NATURALLY, WE STAND FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM AND OF WORKING-CLASS POWER WHEREVER IT IS ESTABLISHED.

NATURALLY, WE STAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST STRUCTURE, ONE THAT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM. BUT IT BECAME PAINFULLY CLEAR THAT IN THIS PRESENT SITUATION THE VERY PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION WAS ENDANGERED.

OF THIS WE ARE SURE: THE SOLUTION TO THE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE FOUND, AND IT WILL BE FOUND BY THE SOCIALIST FORCES WITHIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO WILL BE DEFENDED BY THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST CAMP.

THE SOCIALIST WORLD LEARNED AN INDELIBLE LESSON IN THE TRAGIC EXPERIENCES OF 1956 BUDAPEST. IT LEARNED THEN THAT COUNTER-REVOLUTION ENGAGES IN A TRICKY, SOFTENING-UP PROCESS FIRST, BEFORE IT STRIKES OPENLY.

THE REST OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD COULD NOT AFFORD TO FORGET THAT. NOT IN THIS WORLD OF IMPERIALISM, WHOSE FONDEST DREAM IS TO OVERTHROW THE SOCIALIST WORLD OR AT LEAST, FRAGMENT IT. AT STAKE TOO IS WORLD PEACE WHICH WOULD BE IN GREATEST JEOPARDY IF COUNTER-REVOLUTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUCCEEDED. ONLY THE EX-NAZIS RUNNING THE BONN GOVERNMENT ONLY THE WAR-LOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES, WOULD PROFIT. HENCE THEIR WILD LAMENTATIONS. THEY WEEP, NOT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHOM ONLY YESTERDAY THEY ABHORRED, BUT BECAUSE THEIR PLANS HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED.

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