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THE APPEAL CONTINUED:

PRECISELY SUCH ACTIONS FOLLOW FROM THE COMMITMENT COLLECTIVELY ADOPTED IN BRATISLAVA BY THE COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES OF THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES TO JOINTLY SUPPORT, CONSOLIDATE AND PROTECT THE SOCIALIST GAINS OF EVERY PEOPLE, TO OFFER A REBUFF TO THE INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALISM.

ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALISTS, THE COUNTER REVOLUTIONARIES ARE SPOILING FOR POWER. THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES WHICH SEIZED KEY POSITIONS IN THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION VILLIFIED AND ABUSED EVERYTHING THAT HAD BEEN CREATED BY THE HANDS OF INDUSTRIOUS CZECHS AND SLOVAKS IN THE COURSE OF 20 YEARS OF THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM.

THE ENEMIES WERE BAITING THE CADRES LOYAL TO SOCIALISM, SHAKING THE FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND ORDER, RUTHLESSLY DEBARRED CLASS CONSCIOUS WORKERS AND FARMERS FROM THE PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL LIFE, WERE PERSECUTING HONEST INTELLIGENTSIA WHO DID NOT WANT TO TAKE PART IN ANTI-POPULAR ACTIONS. TRAMPLING UNDERFOOT SOCIALIST LAWS, THE COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ESTABLISHED THEIR ORGANISATIONS IN PREPARATION OF THE SEIZURE OF POWER. ALL THIS WAS CAMOUFLAGED WITH DEMAGOGIC TALK ABOUT DEMOCRATISATION. EXCLAMATION WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL NOT MISLEAD THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE DEVOTED TO THE IDEALS OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. TRUE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY CAN BE ENSURED ONLY THROUGH THE STRENGTHENING OF THE LEADING ROLE OF THE WORKING CLASS AND ITS VANGUARD -- THE GLORIOUS COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (MORE) REN/DJB/HEW AUG 23 1257/68

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