

BUT THE PRESENT POLITICAL POSITION CANNOT CONTINUE. IF THE INITIAL INTERVENTION AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP WAS A TRAGIC MISTAKE, ATTEMPTS TO CONTINUE TO ACT IN DEFIANCE OF THE WISHES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND COMUNISTS WOULD BE STILL MORE TRAGIC.

THE ACTION ALFREADY TAKEN HAS PLACED IMMENSE DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS, WHO ALREADY FACED DIFFICULT ENOUGH PROBLEMS.

TO CONTINUE TO DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR RIGHTS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO WORK EFFECTIVELY FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THIS MUST BE, AND CAN ONLY BE, ON THE BASIS OF THE STRONG SUPPORT AND INITIATIVE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS AND PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

THERE IS NO OTHER FOUNDATION FOR THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM.

INSTEAD OF INTERVENING MILITARILY THE FIVE COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE PROPOSED FURTHER TALKS WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

THEY SHOULD HAVE SUCH DISCUSSIONS NOW, WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY PRESIDUM AND THE GOVERNMENT, AREE TO RESTORE THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AND WITHDRAW THE TROOPS.

THOSE WHO, LIKE GEORGE BROWN AND SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME, ARE TRYING TO STIR UP A COLD-WAR ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN, DO NOT WANT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONCERNED WHICH WILL SOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES IN A COMMUNIST WAY.

SUCH PEOPLE ARE THE BITTER ENEMIES BOTH OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND THE SOVIET PEOPLE, ONLY CONCERNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DIVISIONS AND MISTAKES MADE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

PUTTING RIGHT THE MISTAKES AND STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL WORKING-CLASS UNITY WOULD BE A BLOW TO THE COLD WARRIORS AND THE IMPERIALISTS IN VIETNAM, EUROPE AND EVERYWHERE ELSE.