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C/S -- 3D ADD HAJEK (CN 247) XXX SAID

HE SAID TITO AND CEAUSESCU WERE "DECLARING WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE OCCUPYING FORCES AND THE WORLD PUBLIC THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA REMAINED FAITHFUL TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM AND WILLING TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS."

"ITS DOMESTIC LIFE DEVELOPED FIRMLY ON A SOCIALIST BASIS. ITS LEADING FORCES LIVED THROUGH A PROCESS OF PROFOUND REGENERATION... AND GAINED EVER GREATER SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE," HE SAID.

THE PARTY BECAME STRONGER, HE SAID.

"THE NEGATIVE PHENOMENA WERE BEING DRIVEN INTO ISOLATION, AND A CONSCIOUS VOLUNTARY DISCIPLINE WAS DEVELOPING AMONG ALL THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING THE MASS MEDIA...

"CONSEQUENTLY, NOTHING COULD JUSTIFY THE DOUBTS ABOUT COUNTERREVOLUTION. THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE SITUATION IN HAND AND THE MEANS TO REPEL THREATS TO THE SOCIALIST FOUNDATIONS."

HE SAID THIS WAS ATTESTED TO BY THE REACTION OF THE COUNTRY TO THE OCCUPATION. HE CITED NON-RECOGNITION OF THE ORDERS OF THE OCCUPIERS THE CONVENING OF THE 14TH CONGRESS, THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE PARTY AS "SIGNIFICANT PROOF" HOW THOSE WHO FELT THEY WERE ENTITLED TO INTERFERE "HAD MISUNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION."

"IF SOMETHING CREATES A DANGER... IT IS PRECISELY THE ACTION OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO COMMITTED THE OCCUPATION, AN OCCUPATION WHICH DISRUPTED THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANS TO EXERCISE FULLY THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS."

SOME OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS, HE SAID, HAD "BEEN PUT INTO VERY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS." THIS, HE SAID, HAD "CREATED THE GRAVEST DANGER FOR THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."...

IT ALSO SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE FEELINGS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE FOR THE FIVE COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

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