

THE DOCUMENT, SIGNED BY 26 CZECHOSLOVAK ARTISTS, SCIENTISTS AND JOURNALISTS, WAS READ AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY CZECH PHILOSOPHER DR. IVAN SVITAK.

SVITAK STRESSED THAT ALL THE SIGNATARIES OF THE DOCUMENT ARE FIRM SUPPORTERS OF THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND DO NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED EXILES OR EMIGREES.

HE ADDED, THAT ALL 26 SIGNATARIES HAVE BEEN ABROAD AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MOST OF THEM AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN ALPBACH.

THE TWO-PAGE DOCUMENT EMPHASIZES IN TEN POINTS "THE DUTY OF THE INTELLECTUALS TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE SUPERIORITY OF IDEAS OVER BRUTAL POWER, PROTESTS AGAINST THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SUPPRESSION OF HER POPULATION AND HER FREEDOMS AND APPEALS TO THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY TO INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SEEK AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS."

THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT ONLY A CZECHOSLOVAK AFFAIR BUT SHOULD BECOME A CONCERN FOR ALL NATIONS AND COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, THE MANIFESTO SAID.

THE DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED BY FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES OF CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURAL LIFE:

JOURNALIST ANTONIN PETRINA, JOURNALIST ALICE BITTMANNOVA, SCIENTIST DR. ADOLF MUELLER, PHOTOGRAPHER ZDENEK JERMAN, FILM PRODUCER MILOS FORMAN, TRANSLATOR JAROSLAV LANGER, WRITER JIRI MUCHA, FILM PRODUCER JAN NEMEC, WRITER VERA LINHARTOVA, WRITER JOSEF NESVADBA, WRITER ZDENA SALIVAROVA, PHILOSOPHER DR. IVAN SVITAK, WRITER JOSEF SKVORECKY, FILM PRODUCER VLADIMIR BREBERA, PAINTER JIRI KAISER, WRITER RIO PREISSNER, STUDENT EVA ZELINOVA, SCIENTIST DR. OLGA PREISSNEROVA, JOURNALIST EDMUND KOUKAL, JOURNALIST IRENA PETRINOVA, MEMBER OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCE JINDRICH SROVNAL, SCIENTIST ALOIS MIKESTIK, FILM PRODUCER JAN KADAR, ECONOMIST RADO SLAV SELUCKY, WRITER JAN GROSSMANN.