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"THEY ARE DIVERSE, BUT THE IDEA OF UNITING THEMSELVES AGAINST A COMMON DANGER --- WAR, DESTRUCTION, SLAVERY, THE FRUITS, THAT IS, OF THE CAPITALISTIC WORLD--- MAKES THEM ALLIED.

"IT IS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THEM, ACCEPT THEM, UNDERSTAND THEM, ALSO BECAUSE IN THEM IS THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

"IN PARIS, EVEN THE CHILDREN OF 10 YEARS ARE ALREADY ANXIOUS TO ENTER INTO THE STUDENT MOVEMENT. AND THE YOUNG MEN WHO IN MAY CONSTITUTED THE BASIC COMMITTEE, IN EVERY QUARTER, ARE NOT MUCH OLDER: MANY UNDER 20.

"Q. ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, ALSO ON THE BASIS OF EVENTS THAT ARE SUFFOCATING THE MORE WHOLESOME INSTANCES OF SOCIETY, WHAT IN YOUR OPINION ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE WORLD.

"A. A DIFFICULT QUESTION. THE WORLD, FOR THE PRESENCE OF STIMULI AND COUNTER-STANDING FORCES, IS TODAY COMPLICATED, CHAOTIC TERRIBLE, YET, IN ITS WAY, FILLED WITH PROMISES.

"CERTAINLY IT IS NOT EASY TO EXPRESS COMPLETE JUDGEMENTS AND MUCH LESS TO HAZARD PROGRAMS.

"I PERSONALLY AM BROUGHT TO PESSIMISM. BUT I BELIEVE BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY HOPE, IN A MORE THAN DRAMATIC SITUATION, SUCH AS THE ONE WE ARE LIVING THROUGH, IS CONSTITUTED BY THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO CHANGE THINGS, WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO IMAGINE AND TO PROPOSE NEW REALITIES, WHO KNOW HOW TO FIGHT AGAINST MYTHS AND STEREOTYPES IN THE NAME OF MAN AND OF HIS RIGHT TO LIFE: THOSE, THOSE, IN SHORT, WHO COMBAT FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND FOR DEMOCRACY.

"THE SOVIET MODEL, TODAY, IS NO LONGER VALID, SUFFOCATED AS IT IS BY BUREAUCRATISM, AND THE MODEL THAT HAS DEVELOPED IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEW COURSE COULD ON THE CONTRARY ATTRACT MANY MEN.

"IN THIS SENSE, PRAGUE IS A HOPE, AS WELL AS BEING A MOST HIGH TESTIMONY OF SOCIALIST CIVILITY."

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