

"ALL THIS, WITHOUT DOUBT, CREATED SOME DANGERS AND AROUSED PREOCCUPATIONS. BUT, AND IT CAME OUT PUBLICLY, FROM POSITIONS, PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS BY THE NEW LEADERSHIP GROUP, FROM THE LEADERSHIP ORGANS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY -- AND IT CAME OUT OF ALL THE INFORMATION, STATEMENTS AND DECLARATIONS GIVEN BY THEM IN MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES -- THAT THE NEW LEADERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WERE WELL AWARE OF THIS.

"THAT THEY, TOO, HAD THE PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND OF OURS ALSO, WE ARE NOT RPT NOT IN A POSITION, AND IT IS NOT RPT NOT FOR US, TO EVALUATE, CRITICIZE OR DEFEND INDIVIDUAL JUDGEMENTS, POSITIONS, DECISIONS, THESE PAST MONTHS BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY. WE SHOULD HAVE AND WE MUST BE GUIDED BY THE BASIS OF THE LINE, OF THE GENERAL DIRECTION EXPRESSED AND FOLLOWED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, BY ITS LEADERSHIP ORGANS.

"WELL THEN, THESE HAVE ALWAYS AFFIRMED, ALSO BY PUBLIC AND SOLEMN ACTS, THAT THE NEW COURSE THEY PROPOSED TO ACTIVATE (WAS) A DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY, TO REALIZE A FULL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY (TWO WORDS UNDERLINED), AND, HENCE, NOT RPT NOT TO PUT INTO DISCUSSION THE FUNDAMENTS AND AND SOCIALIST NATURE OF THE SOCIETY AND OF THE STATE BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, TO FULLY REALIZE, CONSOLIDATE AND DEVELOP SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE RECONFIRMED A SOCIALIST LINE IN TWO OTHER ASPECTS WHICH WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL AND DECISIVE FOR THE SOCIALIST NATURE OF A SOCIETY AND OF A STATE:

"FIRST, THE INTERNATIONAL DISPOSITION AND THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE STATE ITSELF,

"SECOND, THE LEADERSHIP FUNCTION, IN THIS SOCIETY, AND IN THIS STATE, OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF THE WORKER CLASS.

"THESE HAD RECONFIRMED THE POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE POLICY OF THESE STATES AND, IN PARTICULAR THE WARSAW PACT, AND THE DUTIES THAT STEMMED FROM IT.

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