

C/S - 1ST ADD - RADIO PRAGUE LOOKS AHEAD (CN - 177) X X X DUBCEK

"THE OUTCOME, WE LEARNED WITH BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT, IS A COMPROMISE, BUT ONLY A COMPROMISE, NOT TOTAL CAPITULATION.

"THIS DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE WERE ATTACKED FROM AMBUSH SO TO SPEAK, CONFRONTED WITH OVERWHELMING MILITARY FORCE, BLANK LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND PETRIFIED CONCEPTS OF WHAT SOCIALISM IS OR SHOULD BE LIKE.

"THIS HAS TO BE STRESSED, FIRST OF ALL TO REFUTE THE REPEATED ASSERTIONS THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS THREATENED WITH COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

"THE TRUTH IS THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA NEVER ENJOYED GREATER AUTHORITY OR RESPECT THAN IT DID THIS YEAR.

"THE MOST POPULAR AND RESPECTED POLITICAL LEADERS THIS COUNTRY EVER HAD ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DUBCEK, CERNIK, SMRKOVSKY AND SVOBODA, ALL OF THEM.....

"WHAT IS MORE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE REPORT OF A SINGLE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARRESTED THIS PAST WEEK BY THE FOREIGN TROOPS WHO ENTERED OUR TERRITORY PRECISELY TO PUT DOWN COUNTER-REVOLUTION, AS THEY SAID.

"RATHER WE HAVE TO FACE THE PAINFUL FACT THAT THE VERY FIRST ACT OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS WAS TO DETAIN AND CARRY AWAY BY FORCE THESE VERY SAME POLITICAL LEADERS OF OUR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT.

"SOCIALISM WAS AND WILL REMAIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S GOAL, SOCIALISM IMBUED WITH HUMANISM.

"BUT THE HARD FACTS OF POLITICAL LIFE, AS PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND MR. DUBCEK STRESSED YESTERDAY, WILL MAKE OUR TASK IMMESURABLY HARDER AND SLOWER.

"BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. THE FACT THAT OUR LEADERS CAME HOME FROM MOSCOW WITH A COMPROMISE RATHER THAN CAPITULATION WAS DUE TO THE IMMENSE AND UNPRECEDENTED UNITY AND DEMOCRATIC COURAGE OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLE. (MORE)

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