

THE TASS REPORT ON THE IZVESTIA ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

TITLE: IN THE NAME OF DEFENCE AND STRENGTHENING OF SOCIALISM
MOSCOW AUGUST 28 TASS "ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE DESTINIES
OF SOCIALISM WILL APPROVE OF THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-
CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS, IZVESTIA COMMENTATOR VIKENTY MATVEYEV WRITES TODAY.

THE EDITORIAL "IN THE NAME OF THE DEFENCE
AND STRENGTHENING OF SOCIALISM" SAYS THAT IN THE
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THE PUBLIC IS ABOVE ALL GRATIFIED BY
THE FACT THAT THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SO-
VIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE CONFIRMED
THEIR RESOLUTION TO UNFLAGGINGLY PURSUE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
ARENA A POLICY AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE SOLIDARITY
OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, UPHOLDING THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

"THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIVE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES CAME TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN HER DIFFICULT HOUR
AS FRIENDS AND BROTHERS, THE AUTHOR CONTINUES. THE CONFIR-
MATION OF THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THEIR PRESENCE THERE -- UN-
TIL THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY IS NORMALISED -- IS ONLY NA-
TURAL BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO RPT NO AND CANNOT HAVE ANY
OTHER AIMS OR PLANS WHATEVER LIES IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA
MAY PUT OUT ON THAT SCORE."

"DOUBTLESS, THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAS
THE MEANS AND FORCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASU-
RES IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SOCIALIST POWER AND IN ORDER TO
ENSURE THE LEADING ROLE OF THE WORKING CLASS AND THE COMMU-
NIST PARTY, IN THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST
COMMUNITY. NOW THE QUESTION IS HOW TO REALISE SUCH POSSI-
BILITIES SO THAT THE ~~ME~~NACE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES
SOCIALIST GAINS BE REMOVED AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST AND
WITH MINIMUM COMPLICATIONS", THE NEWSPAPER WRITES.

FOR ALL THAT OF COURSE, ONE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT
TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE EXISTING DIFFICULTIES BROUGHT
ABOUT BY THE ACTIVISATION OF ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES,
THEIR RELUCTANCE TO RECONCILE THEMSELVES TO THE LOSS OF
POSITIONS, MATVEYEV WRITES. "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT NO MYTH, IT STILL KEEPS MAKING
ITSELF FELT, TRYING TO BRING THINGS TO A HEAD, DISORIENTATE THE
POPULATION, STAGE PROVOCATIONS, AND SET UNSTABLE PEOPLE AGAINST THE
FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, IN SHORT, TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO PUSH THE COUNTRY OFF THE ROAD OF SOCIALISM."

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