

X/4 C/S - TRADE UNIONS EXPRESS FULL CONFIDENCE IN CS LEADERSHIP

MUNICH, AUG 29 (CMD) - CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S TRADE UNIONS EXPRESSED FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP TODAY WHILE PLEDGING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SO THAT "OUR SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE FULLY RESTORED."

THE TRADE UNION COUNCIL PRESIDIUUM AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE TRADE UNIONS TOLD PREMIER OLDRIK CERNIK PRAISED "THE FACT THAT THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE IS RETURNING INTO THE HANDS OF OUR LAWFUL LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENT ORGANS."

RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S REPORT ON A LETTER SENT BY THE TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP TO CERNIK SAID:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL TRADE UNION COUNCIL HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT CERNIK:

WE HAVE HEARD YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE AND RESULTS OF THE TALKS IN MOSCOW. WE REGARD IT AS OUR DUTY TO EXPRESS OUR ARDENT THANKS TO YOU AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, WHO REMAINED LOYAL TO OUR PEOPLE, FOR THE FORTITUDE AND COURAGE WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN IN THESE SERIOUS MOMENTS FOR OUR PEOPLES.

THE FACT THAT THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE IS RETURNING INTO THE HANDS OF OUR LAWFUL LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENT ORGANS IS THE RESULT BOTH OF YOUR FORTITUDE AND OF THE FACT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE REVOLUTIONARY TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, HAVE STOOD UNFLINCHINGLY BEHIND YOU, BEHIND COMRADES SVOBODA, DUBCEK, AND SMRKOVSKY.

WE ARE ASSURING YOU AND THE OTHER LEADING COMRADES THAT WE TRUST YOU, THAT YOU HAVE OUR FULL CONFIDENCE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL DIRECT FURTHER WITH THE SAME CIRCUMSPECTION AND CONSISTENCY THE DESTINY OF OUR STATE, PEOPLE, AND NATIONS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ARE WITH YOU. THE UNITY OF PEOPLE AND THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ARE WITH YOU.

THE UNITY OF PEOPLE AND THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WHICH HAS STRENGTHENED YOU IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS IS A SAFEGUARD THAT THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL NOT RPT NOT ABANDON YOU. WE WILL PROTECT TOGETHER WITH YOU THIS UNITY AS THE APPLE OF OUR EYE, AS IT IS THE GUARANTEE OF THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE AGREE FULLY WITH YOU THAT THE SAME THANKS ARE DUE TO OUR WORKERS, CITIZENS IN OUR REPUBLIC WHO EXPRESSED AND PROVED, WITH THEIR PRUDENCE AND CALM, A STATESMEN-LIKE WIDOM AND WHO BY THEIR ACTIONS AND DEEDS MADE IT POSSIBLE IN THE PAST DIFFICULT DAYS TO MAINTAIN THE MOST ESSENTIAL LIVING CONDITIONS OF OUR TOILERS.

WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE FUNCTIONARIES AND MEMBERS OF THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SO THAT THE FOREIGN TROOPS WILL LEAVE OUR COUNTRY, THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS STATE WILL BE RETURNED INTO THE HANDS OF THE LAWFUL ORGANS, THAT OUR SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE FULLY RESTORED, AND THAT THE NATIONAL ECONOMY WILL DEVELOP TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL OUR PEOPLE.

(SIGNED) THE PRESIDIUUM OF THE CENTRAL TRADE UNION COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF TRADE UNIONS. (RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN CZECH ON 5930 KC/S - FREE TRANSMITTER CENTRAL BOHEMIA - F, AUG 29, 0900)

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