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X/4 C/S - RADIOS REPORT WFTU COMMUNIQUE

MUNICH AUG 29 (CMD)- CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO HAS TOLD ITS DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN LISTENERS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNION'S CONDEMNATION OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE WFTU STATEMENT WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY IN PRAGUE, WHERE THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED TRADE UNION HEADQUARTERS IS SITED.

IN A CZECH LANGUAGE BROADCAST THIS MORNING, THE RADIO SAID:

IN THE FIRST PART OF THE FOREIGN NEWSCAST WE WILL READ TO YOU A COMMUNIQUE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU). ON 28 TWENTY EIGHT AUGUST THE WFTU SECRETARIAT FINALLY HAD A FULLY ATTENDED MEETING AT ITS HEADQUARTERS IN PRAGUE. IT WAS THE FIRST SINCE THE EMERGENCE OF THE GRAVE SITUATION DUE TO THE ENTRY OF ARMED OCCUPATION FORCES OF FIVE SOCIALIST MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT ONTO CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY.

SINCE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THE SECRETARIES OF WFTU WERE IN DIFFERENT PLACES THEY COULD ONLY EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND MUTUAL POSITIONS AND TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE LETTER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF 22 TWENTY TWO AUGUST.

AT THE SAME TIME THEY TOOK COGNIZANCE OF THE ORAL STATEMENT MADE BY CENTRAL WFTU SECRETARY LOUIS SAILLANT ON 21 TWENTY ONE AUGUST IN BUDAPEST, AS WELL AS OF THE LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN OF WFTU (VITOSIL) (PHONETIC) WHICH THE TWO WFTU REPRESENTATIVES TRANSMITTED ON 24 TWENTY FOUR AUGUST 1968 NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT TO GASPAR, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL HUNGARIAN TRADE UNION COUNCIL AND MEMBER OF THE WFTU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE SEND THEM TO THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE GDR, POLAND, AND BULGARIA. THE DECLARATION OF 21 TWENTY ONE AUGUST AND THE LETTER OF 22 TWENTY TWO AUGUST 1968 NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT CONDEMNED THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT AGAINST THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THIS ACT.

THE SECRETARIAT STATES THAT BECAUSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACQUAINT PUBLIC OPINION WITH THESE STEPS AND THEREFORE IT HAS DECIDED TO PUBLISH THE LETTER OF 24 TWENTY FOUR AUGUST. THE WFTU SECRETARIAT FULLY APPROVES THIS LETTER, IT CONDEMNS THE MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AN INTERVENTION WHICH RUNS COUNTER TO ALL THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE VERY EXISTENCE OF WFTU RESTS AND WHICH WERE VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTED BY ALL THE NATIONAL CENTERS OF THE WFTU MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

THE SECRETARIAT DECLARES ITS FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKING PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND HIGHLY APPRECIATES THEIR CALM AND CIRCUMSPECT ATTITUDE. AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE INTEREST OF TRADE UNION UNITY AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM IT WARNS WORKING PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AGAINST THE SPECULATIONS AND MACHINATIONS, PARTICULARLY OF THOSE WHO, SO FAR, HAVE NOT CONDEMNED AND CONTINUE TO REFRAIN FROM CONDEMNING THE AGGRESSION OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS IN VIETNAM. THE RESPECTING OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY COUNTRY, NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, EFFORTS TO SETTLE CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND WITHOUT USE OF MEANS OF WAR OR VIOLENCE--THESE ARE RULES WHICH FULLY LIVE UP TO THEIR SPIRIT ONLY IF THEY ARE ACTUALLY VALID THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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