

IN THE CONCLUDING PART OF ITS COMMUNIQUE THE WFTU SECRETARIAT ASSURES THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNIONS THAT IT WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO HELP THE WORKING PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN RESTORING NORMAL AND PEACEFUL LIFE AND THUS CREATING THE BEST CONDITIONS FOR THE FURTHER BUILDING OF SOCIALISM IN THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN OCCUPATION ARMIES.

THE WFTU SECRETARIAT TAKES NOTE OF THE COMMUNIQUE IN MOSCOW BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

SIGNED: THE WFTU SECRETARIAT.

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IN A LATER BROADCAST IN ENGLISH, THE RADIO SAID:

LEADERS OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST LABOR UNION ORGANIZATION, SITUATED IN PRAGUE, HAVE CONDEMNED THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS A VIOLATION OF ALL ACCEPTED FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU), WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS, AS I HAVE MENTIONED, IN PRAGUE, MET YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE FOREIGN ARMIES ENTERED THIS COUNTRY AND DECLARED IN A COMMUNIQUE THAT THE INTERVENTION CONTRAVENTS THE VERY PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE SFTU RELIES FOR ITS EXISTENCE.

IN ITS PUBLISHED STATEMENT THE ORGANIZATION ENDORSES ORAL AND WRITTEN PROTESTS MADE LAST WEEK BY ITS SECRETARY GENERAL, LOUIS SAILLANT, AND ITS PRESIDENT, R. BITOSS. BOTH OF THESE OFFICIALS FOUND THEMSELVES IN BUDAPEST WHEN THE MILITARY MOVE INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOOK PLACE AND PROMPTLY LODGED THEIR PROTEST WITH THE HUNGARIAN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION. THEY REQUESTED THAT THE WORLD FEDERATION'S DISAPPROVAL OF THE INTERVENTION ALSO BE CONVEYED TO THE SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, POLISH, AND BULGARIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS.

WHILE EXPRESSING ITS FULL SYMPATHY FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, THE SECRETARIAT STATEMENT ALSO WARNS TRADE UNIONISTS OF THE WORLD AGAINST THOSE WHO FAIL TO CONDEMN AMERICAN AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM.

RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY COUNTRY, NONINTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SETTLEMENT OF INTERNAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT RESORT TO FORCE OR WARFARE, THE STATEMENT READS, ARE THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MAKE THEIR FULLEST SENSE FELT ONLY WHEN APPLIED ON A THOROUGHLY WORLDWIDE SCALE. THE WORLD FEDERATION ASSURES CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S TRADE UNION MOVEMENT THAT IT WILL DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO HELP THE WORKERS AND OTHER PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY RETURN TO A NORMAL LIFE WITH OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR FURTHER BUILDING OF SOCIALISM, WITHOUT THE PRESENCE ON THEIR SOIL OF FOREIGN ARMIES.

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