

A CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVAKIA CLOSED ON AUGUST 29 AFTER FORMULATING ITS ATTITUDE TO THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS WHICH WERE QUALIFIED BY THE CONGRESS THE ONLY REASONABLE WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULT SITUATION. IT ELECTED THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY. G. HUSAK WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ON MOTION FROM G. HUSAK, THE CONGRESS DISSOCIATED ITSELF FROM THE DECISIONS OF THE ILLEGAL "14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY" WHICH WAS HELD SECRETLY IN PRAGUE ON AUGUST 24. 30 MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND 6 MEMBERS OF ITS PRESIDIUM REFUSED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY" WHICH WAS FORMED BY THE ILLEGAL CONGRESS.

THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTIC OF TODAY'S LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE DESIRE OF THE POPULATION TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE MAJORITY OF WORKING PEOPLE SEE THE PREREQUISITE FOR IT IN CARRYING OUT THE DECISIONS REACHED AT THE SOVIET CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS IN MOSCOW AND IN THOSE MEASURES WHICH ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC TO THIS END. IT IS ON THIS FOUNDATION THAT ALL THE TRULY PATRIOTIC FORCES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE ARE CONSOLIDATING.

SIMULTANEOUSLY THE RIGHT-WING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ARE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE, ATTACKING FIERCELY THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS AND TRYING TO FRUSTRATE THE FIRST CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ARE INCREASINGLY ATTACKING THE LEADERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CONCEALING THEIR INTENTIONS TO BRING ABOUT SUCH A CHANGE OF THE SITUATION THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO SEIZE POWER.

IN THIS THEY ARE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE IMPERIALIST FORCES. CERTAIN WESTERN RADIO STATIONS, FOR INSTANCE, ARE JAMMING THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO WHICH GIVES AN OBJECTIVE COVERAGE OF LIFE IN THE COUNTRY AND AT THE SAME TIME, ARE HELPING CLANDESTINE RADIO TRANSMITTERS. THERE IS ALSO A CONTINUED CAMPAIGN OF LIES AND SLANDER AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ALLIED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

NOTEWORTHY IN THIS CONNECTION IS THE BROADCAST SPEECH BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. J. BALL WHO WAS DRIVEN TO FRENZY BY THE DEMAND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC TO REMOVE THE SO-CALLED CZECHOSLOVAK QUESTION FROM THE AGENDA OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND LACKING ANY VALID ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS DEMAND HE BURST OUT SWEARING AT SOCIALIST STATES.

THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM ARE CLEARLY LOSING THE PRESENCE OF MIND WHEN CONFRONTED BY THE SOCIALIST POWERS STANDING UNITED IN THE WAY OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IMPERIALIST CIRCLES WHO WERE COUNTING ON WRESTING THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AWAY FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

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