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SMRKOVSKY ALSO SAID "THE EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS SHOWED THAT IN OUR EFFORTS HITHERTO, WE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED SOME FACTORS, WHICH INFLUENCE ESSENTIALLY OUR DEVELOPMENT, ABOVE ALL THE OUTSIDE AND INTERNATIONAL ONES, FROM WHICH THE GREATEST AND MOST DIFFICULT COMPLICATIONS OF OUR ENDEAVOR HAVE STEMMED."

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT "YOU KNOW THAT THE POLICY OF OUR PARTY HAS GRADUALLY BECOME THE SUBJECT OF CRITICISM AND PRESSURE FROM NEIGHBORING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH REACHED OMINOUS DIMENSIONS ON AUGUST 20 TO 21."

"OUR COUNTRY WAS SUDDENLY OCCUPIED BY A HUGE MILITARY POWER, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY HOPELESS AND IMPOSSIBLE TO FACE IT IN THE SAME WAY." (WITH ARMED POWER).

"UNFORTUNATELY, ALAS INDEED, THIS SITUATION OF OUR NATIONS IS NOT RPT NOT NEW AND EXCEPTIONAL," SMRKOVSKY CONTINUED. "IT HAPPENED SO MORE THAN ONCE IN CZECH AND SLOVAK HISTORY, AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED FOR THE SECOND TIME IN OUR 20TH CENTURY. THE TRAGEDY OF SMALL NATIONS IS IN THIS, THE FATHERLAND OF WHICH IS SITUATED AT A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE PLACE OF THIS CONTINENT."

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