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IT SAID THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS "THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL THE COMMUNIST AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES SO THAT THE PROCESS OF RENEWAL, OPENED BY THE 20TH CONGRESS OF THE SOVIET PARTY, GOES AHEAD RAPIDLY AND FULLY."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID (FULL TEXT):

"THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION APPROVE THE REPORT AND THE CONCLUSIONS OF COMRADE LONGO, AND CONFIRM THE LINE AND THE POSITIONS ASSUMED BY THE POLITICAL OFFICE AND THE DIRECTORATE CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION APPRECIATE POSITIVELY THAT IN SUCH A DRAMATIC SITUATION IT WAS POSSIBLE TO FIND THE PATH OF NEGOTIATIONS AND TO AVOID THE DANGER OF MORE TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE PEOPLE AND CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS, THOUGH IN THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY NOW FIND THEMSELVES AND WORK, CAN BRING AHEAD, WITH THE FULL RECOVERY OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF ACTION, THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL AND OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY, BEGUN WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY OF LAST JANUARY.

"THIS LINE CAN BE DEFENDED AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT OF ANTISOCIALIST FORCES, ALSO FOR THE PRECISE CONFIRMATION OF ITS VALIDITY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE OF CHOICE FOR SOCIALISM AND ITS IDEALS WHICH HAS COME FROM THE GREAT PROOF OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE WORKERS' CLASS AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN IN THE SAME HARSH SITUATION CREATED BY MILITARY INTERVENTION, PULLING TOGETHER IN A FIRM CONSENSUS AROUND THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND RECOGNIZING IT AS REPRESENTATIVE AND GUIDE OF ALL THE NATION.

"THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT ON THE PART OF ALL THE PARTIES AND THE GOVERNMENTS INTERVENING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE DONE, AS IS NECESSARY, ALL POSSIBLE SO THAT, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS, THERE WILL BE A RAPID RESUMPTION OF NORMALITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (MORE)

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