

X/13 EURO - 1ST ADD - LONGO REAFFIRMS (CN 132) XXX CZECHOSLOVAKIA

"THE PROBLEM IS THAT OF FULL RESUMPTION (OF POWERS) AND OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS OF COLLABORATION AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, IN A SITUATION WHERE WE CAN NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLY IGNORE THE PERMANENT COMPLEXITIES AND DIFFICULTIES.

"WE RECOGNIZE THAT INDEED THE NEGOTIATIONS CAME ABOUT UNDER CONDITIONS OF GRAVE DISTURBANCE AND IN A STATE OF NECESSITY OCCASIONED BY THE MILITARY OCCUPATION, AND THAT ALL THIS COULD NOT RPT NOT BUT REFLECT ON THEIR RESULTS...

"WHAT MUST BE REMEMBERED, AND WE HOPE IT WILL BE NONE THE LESS, IS THAT THIS LESSON OF EVENTS WAS AND WILL BE EVER PRESENT IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES..."

REFERRING TO THE REGAINING OF CZECHOSLOVAK INDEPENDENCE, LONGO SAID: "TOWARDS THIS WE INTEND TO MOVE, TODAY ASKING ALL PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS INTERESTED, AND IN FIRST PLACE THE USSR, TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SO THAT, WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS, THERE WILL BE A RAPID RESUMPTION OF MORALITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"WE HOLD THAT THIS IS TODAY THE STEP THAT MUST BE TAKEN IN ORDER THAT THE WOUNDS AND THE DAMAGE OF THIS CRISIS BE HEALED, IN ORDER THAT RELATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES MAY FIND, IN EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE, THE BASIS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF COLLABORATION IN ALL AREAS AND FOR A REAL STRENGTHENING OF UNITY...

"IN THE RESPECT FOR THE AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EACH PARTY THERE WILL BE FINALLY FOUND THE WAYS AND MEANS TO GIVE THE WORKER AND COMMUNIST MOVEMENT OF CAPITALIST EUROPE, POINTS OF AGREEMENTS AND (COMMON) OBJECTIVES IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE, TO RENDER MORE POWERFUL THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DANGERS OF REACTIONARY IN VOLUTION AND ITS CONSEQUENT THREATS OF WAR. N
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