

"WE EXPRESS TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY OUR RENEWED SOLIDARITY IN ITS EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS, THE CONSOLIDATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY AND THE DEFEAT OF REACTIONARY FORCE," THE EDITORIAL SAID.

"WE ARE AWARE THAT DURING THE DIFFICULT AND STORMY DAYS WE HAVE JUST LIVED THROUGH, OUR COMRADES OF THE USSR AND THE OTHER FOUR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSITION WE HAVE ADOPTED AS ONE OF FACILITY, YIELDING TO A REACTIONARY CAMPAIGN AND ADOPTED IN ORDER TO AVOID EVENTUAL CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR OWN PARTY.

"IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE SHOULD THEY MAINTAIN THIS ERRONEOUS POINT OF VIEW," LEVAUX WROTE. "IT WOULD TOTALLY FALSIFY RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTIES. IT WOULD RENDER MORE DIFFICULT THE STUDY OF LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE EVENTS BY EACH AND EVERY PARTY. IT WOULD HINDER THE EFFORT WE MUST ALL MAKE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE DIVERGENCES WHICH HAVE ARISEN."

OPPONENTS OF COMMUNISM IN BELGIUM WERE WARNED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT "HOPE TO INVEIGLE US INTO BREAKING OUR FRATERNAL TIES AND OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE USSR, THEIR COMMUNIST PARTY AND THEIR TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIGHT FOR PEACE AND SOCIALISM.

"...WE EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPACITY OF THE BELGIAN AND INTERNATIONAL WORKERS MOVEMENTS TO FINALLY BRING SOME GOOD OUT OF THE PAINFUL TRIAL IT HAS JUST GONE THROUGH," THE EDITORIAL STATEMENT SAID.

THE EDITORIAL DID NOT RPT NOT REPEAT THE CALL OF THE BELGIAN PARTY, ISSUED LAST WEEKEND, WHICH TOLD THE SOVIET AND OTHER INVADING PARTIES : "WE WISH THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THE LABOR MOVEMENT THE CONVINCING EXPLANATIONS TO WHICH IT HAS THE RIGHT."

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