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"IN THESE 12 YEARS MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED AND MANY A GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN HUNGARY - THE ARTICLE RUNS ON - SOLUTIONS FOR SO MANY PROBLEMS OF OUR SOCIETY HAVE BEEN SET IN SUCCESSION ON THE ORDER OF THE DAY AND IT POSSIBLE TO HOLD WIDE-RANGING OPEN DEBATES ON ISSUES INTERESTING EVERY LAYER OF THE POPULATION. FREE, BOLD OPINION COULD AND CAN BE VOICED IN THE TONE OF SHARP CRITICISM, IF NECESSARY, BECAUSE THE DEBATERS HAVE BEEN AND ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

"ESSENTIALLY THE RECENT YEARS HAVE BROUGHT A SERIES OF REFORMS WHICH HAVE SUBJECTED THE FUNCTIONING OF OUR INSTITUTIONS TO CRITICISM, HAVE SCRUTINIZED THE STRUCTURE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIRECTION AND KEEP THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY IN TRANSFORMATION, MOVEMENT AND SWING. ALL THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE NOT AGAINST THE PARTY AND LEADERSHIP, NOT IN A STATE OF DETACHMENT BUT HAS GROWN OUT OF THEM AS STARTING POINTS. THE PARTY HAS TAKEN SERIOUS EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE FORMAL TRAITS FROM THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL-POLITICAL MECHANISM: TO FILL THEM WITH LIFE AND CONTENT, ON THE BASIS OF DEMOCRATISM.

"EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA - CLOSES THE NEPSZABADSAG ARTICLE - HAVE NOW SADLY REPRODUCED MORE THAN ONE OF THE QUESTIONS AND SITUATIONS WE CAN RECALL FROM THE PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS AGO. WE HAVE CONFIRMED EXPERIENCE THAT SOCIALISM WITHOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY FINDS ITSELF IN THE SAME KIND OF DEADLOCK AS DEMOCRACY WITHOUT RESOLUTE DEFENDING OF SOCIALISM. ONLY SUPERFICIAL THINKERS CAN BELIEVE THAT THE EVENTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE OUR ASSESSMENT OF THINGS. ON THE CONTRARY: DRAMATICALLY THEY REMINDED US OF THE NECESSITY TO CONDUCT A DOUBLE-FRONT FIGHT, TO SEE WHAT MUST BE DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE BOTH THE WORKING PEOPLE'S POWER AND DEMOCRACY."

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