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REFERRING TO REPORTS APPEARING ABROAD THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MASS EXODUS OF INTELLECTUALS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE MANIFESTO SAID: "WE ARTISTS DECLARE THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE."

IT SAID MOST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE LIVING ABROAD HAD GONE THERE LEGALLY AND HAD NO INTENTION OF BECOMING PERMANENT EXILES.

"ON THE CONTRARY, THEY ARE PLANNING TO RETURN HOME WHERE THEY BELONG.

"WE EXPECT OUR FRIENDS ABROAD TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT."

THE MANIFESTO CONTINUED: "IF AT THIS MOMENT WE SHOULD YIELD TO THE VOICES OF PANIC, IF WE SHOULD CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOPELESSNESS, WE WOULD BETRAY OURSELVES AND OUR WHOLE SOCIETY.

"THE PLACE OF THE ARTISTS, JOURNALISTS, AND SCIENTISTS IS HERE IN THE HOMELAND WITH THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GOOD AND EVIL, HOPE AND SCEPTICISM."

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