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C/S -1ST ADD 2130 INTRO CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CN 129) XXX CZECHOSLOVAKIA

"WE MUST UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE AROUSE THE SUSPICION THAT WE MIGHT BE AVOIDING OBLIGATIONS WHICH WE HAVE ACCEPTED," THE COMMUNIQUE SAID.

THIS, IT SAID, WOULD BE THE ONLY GUARANTEE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD NOT DETERIORATE AND THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT THE "SOVIET OBLIGATIONS" - THE GRADUAL DEPARTURE OF TROOPS, AND NON-INTERFERENCE OF THE ARMIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S DEVELOPMENT.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND ITS ORGANS WOULD "REFLECT BETTER THAN HITHERTO THE NEED TO UNITE ALL FORCES."

IT SAID THAT IN BUILDING THE NEW COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "THE BASIS OF ITS POLICY MUST BE CLOSE UNION OF THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE...

"EVERYTHING THAT WOULD VIOLATE THIS RELATIONSHIP WOULD SPELL UNIMAGINABLE LOSSES FOR OUR NATIONS AND SOCIALISM."

ONE OF THE MAIN DEMANDS HERE, IT SAID, WAS NOT TO BE MISLED BY ANY TEMPORARY EXIGENCIES AND EXTREMIST CLAIMS AND RALLY AROUND THE PARTY."

IN HIS SPEECH, CERNIK THANKED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE FOR THEIR ATTITUDE DURING THE CRISIS AND HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT SVOBODA'S COURAGE.

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