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HOWEVER," THE TENSION OF RECENT DAYS IS TANGIBLY EASING," AS CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS, FARMERS AND INTELLECTUALS "INCREASINGLY REALIZE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE ROAD FOR THEIR COUNTRY, THE ROAD OF SOCIALISM, THAT THE FUTURE OF SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA LIES ONLY IN MARCHING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION."

ANOTHER PRAVDA ARTICLE CRITICIZED UNNAMED LEADERS OF THE CZECH WRITERS UNION "WHO BECAME FAMOUS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND ABROAD FOR THEIR SCANDALOUS SPEECHES AND NOT FOR THEIR WORKS."

SOME, PRAVDA COMMENTATOR SERGEO BARUZDIN SAID, WERE "BROUGHT TO DIRECT REASON TO THEIR MOTHERLAND AND ITS IDEALS."

ECONOMIC COMMENTATOR VLADIMIR IVANOV SAID "DUE REBUFF" HAD NOT YET BEEN GIVEN BY THE CZECHS TO "IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA" CLAIMS THAT SOVIET-CZECH TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES WERE WEIGHTED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOVIET UNION.

HE SAID BOTH SIDES BENEFITED FROM ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

"ALL TRUE PATRIOTS SUPPORT THIS CLOSE COOPERATION," HE SAID. "ONLY A HANDFUL OF IMMATURE PERSONS DREAM OF "BROADENING HORIZONS" TO PLAY WITH IMPERIALIST MONOPOLIES WHICH TEMPT SIMPLETONS WITH THEIR BIG PURSES AND HEAVY CREDITS, WITH 'PROFITABLE DEALS' AND THE LIKE WHICH DRAG THEM INTO ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN CAPITAL."

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