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"BY THEIR SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS, WHICH REJECT THE CLASS APPROACH, THE YUGOSLAV LEADERS ARE PUBLICALLY SUPPORTING THE ANTISOCIALIST FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"FURTHER, THE STATEMENT NOTES THAT THE POPULATION OF YUGOSLAVIA IS GETTING UNILATERAL INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN AN ANTI-SOVIET SPIRIT.

"THE YUGOSLAV PRESS DISTORTS THE TRUE MOTIVES FOR THE ACTIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, WHICH CAME TO THE AID OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE; IT STRIVES TO DISORIENT THE WORKING PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA, TO FAN UP NATIONALIST FEELINGS, AND TO PRESENT IN A DISTORTED FORM THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OF OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

"DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS HELD IN MOSCOW DEFINES THE PRACTICAL STEPS DIRECTED TOWARD NORMALIZING THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO HANG ON TO ITS MISTAKEN POSITION IN ASSESSING THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, THE STATEMENT SAYS, FIRMLY REJECT THE DISTORTION BY YUGOSLAVIA OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OF OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTIONS FALLS ENTIRELY UPON THE YUGOSLAV SIDE, WHICH, DESPITE FREQUENT STATEMENTS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION, HAS DEVELOPED AN UNCONCEALED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

"ALL THIS CANNOT BUT BE HARMFUL TO THE INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM AND OF YUGOSLAVIA ITSELF, AND TO ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION WHICH IT HOLDS AS A SOCIALIST STATE. (END TEXT)

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