

"DEPARTING FROM THESE FACTS THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE FEDERATIVE ARRANGEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CZECH AND SLOVAKS. IT CONSIDERS THE PRESENTATION OF THIS DRAFT AT THIS MOMENT AN ACT OF THE NORMALIZATION OF LIFE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE REPUBLIC, AS A STEP FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES OF THE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE LAW ON FEDERALIZATION, AS WELL AS THE LAW ON THE POSITION OF MINORITIES ON OCTOBER 28 THIS YEAR, IS REALISTIC AND WILL FIND THE UNDERSTANDING AMONG BOTH OUR NATIONS AND NATIONAL MINORITIES, AS A PROOF OF THEIR FRATERNAL LIVING TOGETHER.

"THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ALSO ASSESSED THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH STEM FROM THE ACCEPTED OBLIGATIONS OF THE MOSCOW PROTOCOL IN THE SECTOR OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION.

"IT CONSIDERS THESE OBLIGATIONS AS UNAVOIDABLE STEPS TOWARD THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AMONG SOCIALIST STATES, AND IS DETERMINED TO CARRY THEM OUT AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE WITH ALL CONSISTENCY," SAID THE STATEMENT.

"THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WILL APPROACH IN A PRINCIPLED MANNER THE QUESTION CONCERNING WAYS AND MEANS OF INTERPRETATION OF THE PARTY ACTION PROGRAM IN THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, INSIDE (THE COUNTRY) AND ABOVE ALL OUTSIDE IT, SO THAT WE DO NOT ONLY TALK ABOUT HUMANISM, BUT IMPLEMENT IT IN LIFE AND IN DISCUSSIONS AND PUBLIC POLEMICS.

"LIFE IN OUR FATHERLAND, THANKS TO THE UNDERSTANDING AND THE UNIFIED STAND OF THE WORKING PEOPLE, IS GRADUALLY RETURNING TO A NORMAL COURSE. PEOPLE'S MILITIA, THE ARMY, AND THE SECURITY HAVE TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORDER AND THE PRESERVATION OF LEGALITY IN WHICH ALL CITIZENS SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM.

"THE INITIATIVE OF THE PARTY AND STATE ORGANS IS NORMALIZING THE ACTIVITY OF PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND OF THE MEANS OF MASS INFORMATION.

"WE ARE MAKING EFFORTS THAT ALL THE PRESS SHOULD APPEAR REGULARLY, AND THAT ITS DISTRIBUTION SHOULD NOT BE HINDERED.

"RADIO AND TELEVISION ALSO ARE STARTING FULL ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, THEY STILL HAVE SOME TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL HINDRANCES CAUSED BY THE ENTRANCE OF FOREIGN ARMIES INTO OUR TERRITORY.

"WE EXPRESS CONVICTION THAT THE WORKERS OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION WILL CONTINUE TO SHOW POLITICAL MATURITY AND WILL UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF SOME UNAVOIDABLE MEASURES CONNECTED WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE OFFICE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION AND WILL DO THEIR UTMOST TO FIND THEMSELVES THEIR OWN POSITIVE RELATIONS TO THE PROCESS OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIETY," SAID THE STATEMENT.

"THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY EXPRESSES RECOGNITION TO INTELLIGENTSIA AND TO ALL WORKERS IN EDUCATION AND PARTICULARLY TO TEACHERS WHO IN THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION STARTED THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITHOUT ANY ESSENTIAL DISTURBING PHENOMENA. THE PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS HAVE PRESERVED PRUDENCE AND CALMNESS. WE EXPECT THAT THEY WILL INSTILL THESE QUALITIES INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THEIR PUPILS AND STUDENTS.

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