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"THESE ARE, IN FACT, ALSO THE CONDITIONS FOR A NORMALISATION" OF THE SITUATION, NOT ONLY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT ALSO IN THE WHOLE OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT," THE BELGIAN PARTY PAPER STRESSED.

"FOR, IF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CANNOT BE CONSIDERED NORMAL, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PROCESS OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRATISATION STARTED IN THAT COUNTRY LAST JANUARY WAS, AND IS, TO NORMALISE SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE BUREAUCRATIC NOVOTNY REGIME, HIS SYSTEMATIC RESORTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND COERCIVE MEASURES TO SOLVE POLITICAL PROBLEMS... ALL THIS COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED NORMAL. THE DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL UNDERTAKEN EARLY THIS YEAR WAS AIMED PRECISELY AT GIVING CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALISM A MORE HUMAN, AND FINALLY, MORE NORMAL FACE," NUDELHOLE WROTE.

HE SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS, BACKED BY "IMMENSE POPULAR CONFIDENCE", HAD BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME "CERTAIN ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS ON WHOM INTERNATIONAL REACTION AND IMPERIALISM HAD SPECULATED."

"THAT IS WHY THE BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, LIKE NUMEROUS OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES INCLUDING MOST OF THOSE IN WESTERN EUROPE, AS ALSO THE WORLD TRADE UNION FEDERATION, SHOWED ITS UNEQUIVOCAL DISAPPROVAL OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AND NOW, AFTER THE SALE OF THESE PARTIES' NEWSPAPERS HAS BEEN BANNED IN THE USSR AND AFTER PRAVDA'S POLEMICS WITH CERTAIN FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, THE LEAST WE CAN SAY IS THAT THE CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY HAS A STRANGE WAY OF PRESENTING THE STANDS TAKEN BY BROTHER PARTIES AND MORE PARTICULARLY, THOSE OF THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT OF THE CAPITALISTIC WORLD.

"THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT THE WAY TO REINFORCE THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT," DRAPEAU ROUGE DECLARED.

"NOR WILL IT FACILITATE THE ACTION WHICH IS NECESSARY TODAY TO COPE WITH THE OFFENSIVE OF THOSE WHO ARE USING THE EMOTIONS PROVOKED YD TODAY BY THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO RESTART ANTI-SOVIETISM, THE COLD WAR AND THE ARMAMENTS RACE."

THE EDITORIAL WARNED THAT "THOSE WHO CALL FOR THE BREAKING OFF OF ALL CONTACTS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES WHO INTERVENED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DO NOT SERVE EITHER THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS OR THAT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRATISATION.

"BELGIAN COMMUNISTS, WHO SHARPLY AND PUBLICLY DISAPPROVED THE INTERVENTION, ARE JUST AS DETERMINED TO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ALL CAMPAIGNS AND ANTI-SOVIET MANEUVERS, ALL ATTEMPTS TO RESTART THE COLD WAR AND REINFORCE MILITARY BLOCS.

"THE FIGHT FOR PEACE AND SOCIALISM IS TODAY A TRUCELESS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE POLICY OF COLD WAR AND MILITARY BLOCS, AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM, AS WELL AS A TIRELESS ACTION FOR SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ULTERIOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND THE WHOLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT," THE DRAPEAU ROUGE EDITORIAL CONCLUDED.

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