

CN 81

X/13 C/S -- 1ST ADD GERMAN UNION CONDEMNS MOSCOW (CN 80) XXX EVERYWHERE

THE RESOLUTION, WHICH ALSO WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF VIETNAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST, WELCOMED STEPS TAKEN BY THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE EASTERN RELATIONS. IT GREETED SPECIFICALLY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA AND OF TRADE MISSIONS WITH HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A SECOND RESOLUTION, ALSO PASSED BY A HUGE MAJORITY, APPROVED THE BREAKING OF ALL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA. IT DECLARED THAT SUCH CONTACTS COULD ONLY BE RESUMED "WHEN THE TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CSSR AND NORMAL CONDITIONS RESTORED AS EXISTED BEFORE THE OCCUPATION OF THE CSSR."

THIS RESOLUTION ALSO APPEALED TO METAL WORKERS UNIONS OF THE OCCUPATION POWERS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS.

I.G. METALL CHAIRMAN OTTO BRENNER MADE A PASSIONATE APPEAL TO ALL DELEGATES TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION.

HE SAID THAT DELEGATES WHO DEMANDED THE CONTINUATION OF EASTERN CONTACTS SHOULD CONSIDER THAT, UNLIKE THEIR COLLEAGUES IN A DEMOCRACY, TRADE UNIONISTS IN THE EAST EUROPEAN STATES COULD NOT EXPRESS THEMSELVES FREELY.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERWARDS BRENNER SAID THAT THERE COULD BE NO RPT NO COMPROMISES ON THE QUESTION OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS. EVEN IF SOME OF THE TROOPS REMAINED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, THE I.G. METALL COULD NOT RPT NOT REGARD THAT AS MEETING THEIR DEMAND.

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