

"THE INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE UNION CONFERENCE VOICES DEEP CONCERN OVER THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THE VICIOUS ASSAULT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR WORLD PEACE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE MILITARY BUILD-UP ALONG THE BORDERS OF PEACEFUL COUNTRIES, AND CONDEMNS THE ABSENCE OF PROTESTS FROM THE SO-CALLED TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS OF THE INVADING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALLOWED THEIR GOVERNMENTS' MILITARY ACTION TO GO UNCHALLENGED.

"THE CONFERENCE IS CONVINCED THAT FREE TRADE UNIONS CANNOT HAVE ANY CONTACTS WITH SUCH ORGANISATIONS," THE STATEMENT CONTINUED.

"THE CONFERENCE SALUTES THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY THE WORKERS, AND PLEDGES THE CONTINUED SOLIDARITY OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT WITH THEIR HEROIC STRUGGLE FOR FULL HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS.

"THE CONFERENCE APPEALS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ALL GOVERNMENTS AND TOWARD PUBLIC OPINION FOR CONTINUED EXERCISE OF ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE TO SECURE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND FULL GUARANTEES FOR HER INDEPENDENCE AND SOVERIGNTY.

"THE CONFERENCE WELCOMES THE ACTION SO FAR UNDERTAKEN BY FREE TRADE UNIONS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CALLS ON WORKERS ORGANISATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO CONTINUE TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF CZECHOSLOVAK FREEDOM. IT APPEALS TO THE FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT TO PARTICIPATE GENEROUSLY IN ALL PRACTICAL STEPS TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE AGGRESSION.

"THE INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE UNION CONFERENCE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA STRESSES MOST EMPHATICALLY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IS MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO CARRY ON ITS STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND CALLS ON TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS EVERYWHERE TO JOIN IT IN THIS GREAT TASK," THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED.

TRADE UNION DELEGATIONS TAKING PART CAME FROM BRITAIN, BELGIUM, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, ITALY, HOLLAND, SWI W SWITZERLAND, WEST GERMANY, SWEDEN, AND AUSTRIA.

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