

TRYBUNA LUDU CONTINUED:

"OUR ITALIAN COMRADES DEMAND THE OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SEEKING VARIOUS ROADS OF ACHIEVING AND BUILDING SOCIALISM.

"AT ITS JANUARY PLENUM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA PROCLAIMED THE IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF SOCIALISM IN ITS COUNTRY, A TASK THE MORE COMPLICATED THAT IT WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH A CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN RELATION TO OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

"THESE STRIVINGS OF THE C.P.C.S. MET WITH THE APPROVAL OF FRATERNAL PARTIES WHICH EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD LIVE UP TO THE SITUATION AND WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT IT IS DUE TO DO IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS GUIDING ROLE AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE RIGHT AND REACTION TO USE THE TRANSFORMATIONS THAT WERE GOING ON AGAINST SOCIALISM. IT HAPPENED OTHERWISE.

"UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A REVISIONIST CAMPAIGN AIMED AT DISCREDITING THE PARTY, BREAKING ITS UNITY AND AT AN OPPORTUNIST DISTORTION OF ITS POLITICAL LINE, THE PARTY WAS OVERPOWERED, AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALIST CENTRES FROM OUTSIDE BEGAN TO ESCALATE THEIR ACTIVITIES AIMED AT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND AT WRESTING CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY.

WHERE DID THIS EVOLUTION FROM A SOCIALIST REPUBLIC TO A REPUBLIC OF THE BOURGEOIS TYPE LEAD? ONLY TO MAKING THE COUNTRY DEPENDENT ON IMPERIALISM, AND PARTICULARLY ON WEST GERMANY, WHOSE GOVERNMENT LINKED GREAT AND UNCONCEALED HOPES WITH THE PROGRESSING EROSION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIALISM IN THE COUNTRY OF OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURS.

"WOULD PASSIVE TOLERANCE OF SUCH AN EVOLUTION IN A SOCIALIST COUNTRY HAVE IN FACT MEANT RESPECT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS DEMAND? THE FINAL EFFECT OF THIS NEGATIVE PROCESS WOULD HAVE BEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEING PUSHED TO THE POSITION OF A PAWN ON THE CHESSBOARD OF THE IMPERIALIST GAME AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST STATES."

"CONSEQUENTLY, THE MATTER IS NOT CONFINED ONLY TO THE PROBLEM OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S, IT CONCERNS AT THE SAME TIME THE SECURITY OF THE OTHER EUROPEAN SOCIALIST STATES, THE REASON OF STATE OF THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST CAMP, AND PARTICULARLY OF POLAND AND OTHER NEIGHBOURS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE WRESTING OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY WOULD CAUSE A CHANGE OF THE ALIGNMENT OF FORCES ON WHICH, SINCE THE VICTORY OVER HITLERISM IN 1945, EUROPEAN PEACE AND SECURITY HAVE BEEN BASED. THE FIRST TO DRAW PROFIT FROM IT WOULD BE THE MILITARISTS FROM WEST GERMANY, THE FORCES OF WEST GERMAN IMPERIALISM.

...THE COMMON DEFENSE MIGHT OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST STATES, IN WHICH THE SOVIET UNION PLAYS THE DECISIVE ROLE, IS THE GUARANTEE OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES AND OF PEACE IN EUROPE. THE THREAT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS EMANATES EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE POLICY OF IMPERIALISM."

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