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ISKRA CONTINUED: "RECENTLY REVISIONIST AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES TRIED TO PUSH CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON TO THE SAME ROAD. ACCORDING TO THEIR PLANS, IT WOULD EVENTUALLY MOVE INTO THE POSITIONS OF THE BOURGEOIS SYSTEM.

"IT IS COMMONLY KNOWN THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OF PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY HAVE DONE MUCH IN THE LAST DECADE FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO RE-ENTER THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY. THIS, HOWEVER, HAS BROUGHT NO RESULTS. YUGOSLAVIA HAS REMAINED ON THE POSITIONS OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SEPARATISM.

"IN THE EVALUATION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC TIES OF DECISIVE IMPORTANCE IS THE FACT THAT ONLY ONE THIRD OF HER GOODS TURNOVER DEVOLVED TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHILE TWO THIRDS OF IT WENT TO CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

"IT GOES BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT SUCH AN ALIGNMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ABROAD MUST HAVE EXERTED CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE UPON THE INTERNAL MECHANISM OF FUNCTIONING OF THE YUGOSLAV ECONOMY.

"UNDER THESE CONDITIONS YUGOSLAVIA HAD TO ABANDON THE PRINCIPLES OF CENTRAL PLANNING AND ADAPT HER ECONOMY TO THE RULES OF PLAY BINDING IN THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

"IT IS CONVENIENT THAT THESE FACTS AND THEIR ORIGINS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY THOSE WHO IN THEIR NAIVETY THINK THAT A NEW, MORE PERFECT PATTERN OF SOCIALISM ENSUING ALLEGEDLY FROM A CREATIVE APPLICATION OF MARXISM IS BEING SHAPED IN YUGOSLAVIA.

ASKED ABOUT RUMANIA W. ISKRA SAID:

"THERE ARE GROUNDS TO ASSERT THAT INsofar AS ECONOMIC LINKS WITH ABROAD ARE CONCERNED, RUMANIA HAS BEGUN TO ADOPT SLOWLY THE YUGOSLAV PATTERN... IN CONTRADISTINCTION TO YUGOSLAVIA, HOWEVER, SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYING SO FAR THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC PLANNING.

"HOWEVER, IS SHE CONTINUES TO SEPARATE HERSELF FROM THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND EXPANDS HER ECONOMIC TIES WITH BOURGEOIS STATES, THE MECHANISM OF THE RUMANIAN ECONOMY WILL HAVE TO BECOME MUCH ALIKE THE YUGOSLAV PATTERN TOGETHER WITH ITS CONSEQUENCES SUCH AS MASS UNEMPLOYMENT, DROP IN REAL INCOMES OF THE POPULATION AND SLACKENING OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE.

W. ISKRA WENT ON TO SAY:

"NATIONALISM IN GENERAL PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR SEPARATIST TENDENCIES, INCLUDING ZIONISM. THIS UNDOUBTEDLY AS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR.

"AN ENORMOUS INFLUENCE UPON SEPARATIST TENDENCIES IS EXERTED ALSO BY REVISIONIST FORCES WITHIN THE PARTY. THESE FORCES ARE ADDITIONALLY COUPLED AND MULTIPLIED BY THE PRESSURE OF HOME REACTION. THE OFFENSIVE STRATEGY OF IMPERIALIST STATES AIMED AT SOFTENING UP THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM IS A COMPLEMENTARY ELEMENT.

"THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST 20 YEARS PROVES THAT IN THE COMECON SYSTEM NOT ONLY THE PROCESS OF FURTHER ECONOMIC DIFFERENTIATION OF THE COUNTRIES WAS CHECKED, BUT A MECHANISM OF GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF EXCESSIVE DIFFERENCES IN THIS FIELD WAS SET IN MOTION. THE ELIMINATION OF EXCESSIVE DIFFERENCES IN THE ECONOMIC LEVEL OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES LEADS SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE LIMITATION OF OBJECTIVELY-JUSTIFIED CONTROVERSIES IN THE WORLD SOCIALIST ECONOMY.

"THUS, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IS THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND SEPARATISM IS DOOMED TO FAILURE.

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