

"AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS, AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ON DELIVERIES OF NATURAL GAS FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS AND ON COOPERATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PIPELINE ON THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UNION. AGREEMENT ON OTHER ECONOMIC QUESTIONS HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE APPROPRIATE PROTOCOL.

"ON THE SAME DAY, THERE WAS A MEETING BETWEEN GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ALEXEI KOSYGIN, MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET NIKOLAI PODGORNÝ AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PREMIER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ORDRICH CERNIK AND VICE PREMIER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC FRANTISEK HAMOUZ.

"DURING THIS MEETING, THERE WAS A WIDE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS IN ELABORATION OF THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS THAT WERE HELD IN MOSCOW ON AUGUST 23-26, 1968.

"THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TALKS EXPRESSED FIRM MUTUAL CONVICTION THAT THE MAIN THING IN THE PRESENT SITUATION IS TO BRING CONSISTENTLY INTO LIFE THE PRACTICAL STEPS FOLLOWING FROM THE AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN REACHED AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TALKS IN MOSCOW.

"THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAIN CONFIRMED READINESS FOR THE WIDEST COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND EQUALITY, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, IN THE INTERESTS OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND ENHANCING OF EFFECTIVITY OF THE WARSAW TREATY.

"THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS AND THE MEETING PASSED IN A FRIENDLY, COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE."

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