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X/13 C/S - 1ST ADD MORNING STAR ACCUSES TUC (CN 65) X X X WAR.

YET THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE FROM THIS ORGANISATION ADDRESSSED THE TUC YESTERDAY, ECHOING MR. CANNONS WILD PHRASES ABOUT "SOVIET IMPERIALISM," WHILE SAYING NOTHING IN CONDEMNATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

ALL THIS ADDS TO THE FEELING OF MANY TRADE UNIONISTS THAT SOME RIGHT WING TRADE UNION LEADERS ARE MORE CONCERNED TO STIR UP AN ANTI-SOVIET, COLD-WAR CAMPAIGN THAN HELP GET A SOLUTION TO GRAVE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

THESE BACKWOODSMEN TRY TO ARGUE THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBLE POSITIONS -- EITHER COMPLETE, UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CLAIM THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS "IMPERIALIST" AND NO OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH ITS UNIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

THIS IS UNMITIGATED NONSENSE. MANY OF THOSE WHO DEPLORE THE INTERVENTION AGREE WITH THE VOICES OF SANITY IN YESTERDAYS DISCUSSION, AND WANT ALSO TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND RELATIONS WITH THE TRADE UNIONISTS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

BECAUSE THE SOVIET LEADERS HAVE MADE A TRAGIC ERROR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS CEASED TO BE A SOCIALIST STATE OR HAS BECOME "IMPERIALIST."

ITS TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THE AID IT GIVES TO THOSE FIGHTING IMPERIALISM, ARE ON RECORD FOR ALL TO SEE.

TO COUNTER THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO WANT TO REVIVE THE COLD WAR, IT IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO EXTEND CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

THIS WILL HELP, NOT HINDER, THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNIONS, AS WELL AS THE WORKERS OF BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION""

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