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SUBJ: FO'S REACTION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA DEVELOPMENTS

1. FO'S BUREAU CONFEDERAL COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:
2. QUOTE: IN THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 20 THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY GAVE ITS ARMED FORCES ORDERS TO SEIZE CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT TOOK AS ITS RIGHT TO TAKE CONTROL OF A PEOPLE WHO AFTER HAVING LIVED FOR 20 YEARS UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION HAD STARTED TO SHAKE OFF THE YOKE OF DICTATORSHIP AND BEGIN A LIBERALIZATION PROCESS WITH THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS.
3. THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY SCORNE THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION AND LIBERTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA NATION.
4. THE WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY IN THE NAME OF THE SOLIDARITY OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM AND ALLEGED SOCIALISM AN ACT OF AGGRESSION SO REPREHENSIBLE.
5. IN THE NAME OF ALL ITS LEADERS AND MEMBERS, FORCE OUVRIERE EXPRESSES ITS DEEP SYMPATHY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WORKERS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST SOVIET IMPERIALISM WHICH POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED SINCE EAST BERLIN, POZNAN AND BUDAPEST AND PROHIBITS ALL EXERCISE OF FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS INCLUDING TRADE UNION FREEDOM. UNQUOTE.  
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