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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLAVAKIA

1. CFDT BUREAU ISSUED STATEMENT THIS MORNING NOTING  
QUOTE - INVASION OF CZECHOSLAVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT FORCES UNQUOTE  
STATEMENT GOES ON QUOTE THUS, A FREEDOM BARELY BORN HAS BEEN  
STRANGLERED BEFORE IT EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO FILFILL ITS PROMISE.  
A PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION HAS BEEN HALTED BY THE BRUTAL  
IMPOSITION OF A TOTALITARIAN CONCEPTION OF SOCIALISM. A COURAGEOUS  
PEOPLE IS ONCE MORE CONDEMNED TO INVASION BY FOREIGN TROOPS.

2. CFDT WHICH HAS NOT CEASED TO CONDEMN ATTACKS ON THE RIGHT  
OF PEOPLES TO DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTIY, IN THE EAST AS IN THE  
WEST, RAISED ITS VOICE AGAINST THE MILITARY AGGRESSION OF  
WHICH CZECHOSLAVAKIA IS A VICTIM.

3. CFDT WHICH FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS  
IN CZECHOSLAVAKIA BECAUSE OF THE HOPES IT RAISED FOR  
THE FUTURE OF SOCIALISM, CONDEMNS THE INTERVENTION OF THE SOVIET  
IMPERIALISM AGAINST THE RIGHT OF THE CZECHOSLAVAKIAN PEOPLE  
TO CARRY OUT SOCIALISM IN FREEDOM. THIS AGGRESSION CONSTITUTES  
AN ODIOS CRIME WHICH AWAKES THE INDIGNATION OF ALL FREE MEN  
PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH WORKING CLASS. UNQUOTE  
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