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SUBJECT: BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (BCP) CRITICIZES
SOVIET ACTION CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. BCP POLITICAL BUREAU HAS ADDRESSED LETTER TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CPSU WHICH EXPRESSES CAREFULLY WORDED CRITICISM OF SOVIET ACTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS. KEY PASSAGE OF LETTER NOTES, "WE WERE CONVINCED, AFTER CIERNA AND BRATISLAV MEETINGS, THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAD SHOWN THEIR CAPACITY TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES BY PROCEDURES OF NEGOTIATIONS OF A SUPERIOR TYPE. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE NOW FOLLOWED SUCH A TACK AND WE HOPE YOU WILL GIVE TO THE WORKERS' MOVEMENT THE CONVINCING EXPLANATIONS TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED."

2. LETTER IMPLIES THAT SOVIET ACTION WEAKENS COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN WESTERN EUROPE AND WILL TEND TO STRENGTHEN NATO.

3. FULL TEXT BY AIRGRAM. KNIGHT

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