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SUBJ: CGT REACTION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. CGT'S BUREAU CONFEDERAL STATED:
2. QUOTE: THE EVENTS OF WHICH CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE SCENE CALL FORTH FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY FOR OUR CZECHOSLOVAKIA BROTHERS.
3. THE CGT HAS ALWAYS HAD EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNIONS. FRENCH WORKERS FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST THE RECENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORMS IN COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THEY WERE PERSUADED THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CONVERSATIONS OF THE BRATISLAVA CONFERENCE, THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH IT WAS EXPERIENCING AND TO MOVE AHEAD ON ITS TASKS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AND DEMOCRATIC DOMAINS AND IN STRENGTHENING ITS SOVEREIGNTY IN THE COMMUNITY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.
4. ALSO, THE FRENCH WORKERS CAN ONLY DEPLORE THE PRESENT MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN THESE GRAVE CIRCUMSTANCES THE BUREAU OF THE CGT HOPES THAT IN THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE TIME THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS IN COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE. UNQUOTE.
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