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(SPEECH TO THE NATION BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA-- PRESUMABLY RECORDED)

(TEXT) DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS, I AM ADDRESSING YOU TODAY AGAIN IN ORDER TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS WHICH WERE HELD RECENTLY AND WHICH YOU, DEAR FRIENDS, FOLLOWED, AS WE WELL KNOW, WITH TENSION AND CONCERN. THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY I SPOKE ON RADIO ABOUT THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AT CIERNA NAD TISOU. IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I AM TELLING YOU THAT YESTERDAY'S TALKS OF THE SIX COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE LIKEWISE SUCCESSFUL AND FULFILLED OUR EXPECTATIONS.

I CAN SAY THAT IN BRATISLAVA, AS AT CIERNA NAD TISOU, OUR DELEGATION FULFILLED THE MISSION WITH WHICH IT HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE PEOPLE OF OUR REPUBLIC. WE ARE RETURNING WITH THE CONVICTION THAT WE MUST CONSISTENTLY CONTINUE ON THE ROAD ON WHICH WE HAD EMBARKED IN JANUARY, GO ON PURSUING AND EXTENDING THE POST-JANUARY POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY OUR PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSCIENCE AND IN FULL SOVEREIGNTY, AND WHICH EXPRESSED THE INTERESTS OF ALL OUR WORKING PEOPLE.

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XXX OUR WORKING PEOPLE.

(TEXT) THE EMPHASIS ON THESE AND OTHER PRINCIPLES IN THE JOINT STATEMENT IS NOT AT VARIANCE WITH THE ATTITUDE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, FOR IT IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE IDEA TO DEEPEN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THIS IS COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH OUR POST-JANUARY POLICY. THUS, OUR DELEGATION EXERTED MAXIMUM EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

I WANT TO TELL YOU QUITE FRANKLY--JUST AS AFTER THE CIERNA TALKS--THAT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR FEARS CONCERNING OUR SOVEREIGNTY. WE MUST REALIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT OUR CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, DUE TO ITS POSITION IN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND IN EUROPE, MUST RELY UPON ALL-ROUND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS MOVEMENT.

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SECOND ADD 57 (DUBCEK SPEECH TEXT)

XXX AND WORKERS GOVERNMENT.

(TEXT) IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT DURING ALL OUR ACTIONS IN THE PAST MONTHS AND IN PREPARING THIS CONFERENCE WE WERE ANXIOUS TO PREVENT A WEAKENING OF OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BUT ON THE CONTRARY (?DESIRE) FURTHER PROGRESS OF WORLD SOCIALISM.

THE DISCONTINUATION OF PUBLIC POLEMICS IS SURE TO HELP IMPROVE OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS. THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED ON THE RADIO TODAY BY COMRADE SMRKOVSKY. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, IT IS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST TO KEEP THIS PROMISE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE BRATISLAVA MEETING, WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD. WE ARE READY TO MAKE OUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TASK, THE MORE SO AS THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH THE VITAL INTERESTS OF OUR WORKING PEOPLE.

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THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, AS IN THE PAST, STAND FIRMLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY BEHIND THE WARSAW PACT. THE PRINCIPLES EXPRESSED IN THE JOINT DOCUMENT CONFIRM OUR LINE WITH RESPECT TO THE GERMAN QUESTION AS WELL AS OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CEMA.

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THIRD AND LAST ADD 57 (DUBCEK SPEECH TEXT)

XXX FRAMEWORK OF CEMA.

(TEXT) OUR INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS ENSUE FROM THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS. IT IS IN THIS DIRECTION THAT THE POLICY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE COOPERATION WITH ALL FRATERNAL PARTIES AND COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING.

DEAR FRIENDS, THE TALKS IN CIERNA NAD TISA AND IN BRATISLAVA HAVE OPENED UP MUCH NEEDED SPACE FOR OUR PROCESS OF SOCIALIST REVIVAL. WE BELIEVE THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM AND CONFIDENCE WILL BE CREATED FOR OUR FUTURE SUCCESSFUL WORK AND FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE COMMUNIST PARTIES, AND WITH THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. BELIEVE ME THAT THIS WAS THE DECISIVE FACTOR FOR US IN ALL THESE TALKS. IN THIS DIRECTION THE PRESIDUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, OUR DELEGATION, HAS FULFILLED ITS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL TASK. OUR POLICY PROVED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY REALISTIC AND VIGOROUS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN LAID UPON US. DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS WE REALIZED AT EVERY STEP HOW GREAT IS THE WORK WHICH WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN. THE JANUARY IDEAS HAVE GAINED THE FULL SUPPORT OF OUR WORKING PEOPLE. THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITION FOR THEIR VICTORY. NOW THEY MUST PROVE THEIR VITALITY IN EVERYDAY PRACTICE. NOW IT WILL MAINLY DEPEND ON US TO TRANSFORM THE CONSCIOUSNESS, COURAGE, PRUDENCE, AND ENTHUSIASM WHICH HAVE LED US ALL THROUGH THE PAST PERIOD INTO SPECIFIC DEEDS IN THE FACTORIES, FIELDS, SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS, IN ALL PLACES OF WORK IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMY, POLITICS, AND CULTURE.

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WHAT HAS TO BE DONE IS SHOWN IN THE PARTY'S ACTION PROGRAM WHICH WE HAVE PASSED. IMMEDIATELY BEFORE US IS THE EXTRAORDINARY 14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY. A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT IS DEMANDED BY THE PREPARATION FOR AND REALIZATION OF THE FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE STATE. WE MUST CONCENTRATE OUR FORCES ON A GREAT MANY THINGS FOR WHICH WE MUST MOBILIZE ALL OUR ABILITIES AND ON WHICH WE MUST EXPEND A GOOD DEAL OF CREATIVE WORKING EFFORT.

I KNOW THAT WITHOUT A GENERAL ANALYSIS IT IS DIFFICULT TO COME TO DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECENT PERIOD. HOWEVER, ONE THING IS CERTAIN EVEN TODAY: THE REAL, WIDE SUPPORT WHICH OUR PEOPLE ARE GIVING THE POLICY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY--WHICH IS BASED ON THEIR NEEDS AND INTERESTS--IS A GREAT FORCE AND A STRONG CAPITAL WHICH WILL BE OUR GUIDE TO CONTINUE AS RESOLUTELY AS POSSIBLE ALONG THE POST-JANUARY PATH WHICH WE HAVE TAKEN.

PERMIT ME TO ADDRESS IN THIS CONTEXT ESPECIALLY THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARTY. EVERY DAY BRINGS GREAT TASKS WHICH DEMAND A SPEEDY SOLUTION. THE COMMUNISTS MUST PRIMARILY BE IN THE VANGUARD OF THESE EFFORTS. ONLY IF WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, STAND IN THE FRONT RANKS AND ARE ALWAYS LINKED WITH ALL CITIZENS, ONLY IF WE UNDERSTAND THEM, WILL THE GREATEST FORCE WHICH WE HAVE, THE UNITY OF PARTY AND PEOPLE, GROW AND RENEW ITSELF.

IN CONCLUSION, DEAR FRIENDS, PERMIT ME ONE MORE REMARK. IN THIS SHORT ADDRESS I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT OUR PRESIDUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS FULFILLED THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF OUR PARTY AND BY ALL OF YOU AND ALSO TELL YOU THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING AND THE GREAT POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, APART FROM THE PUBLISHED DOCUMENT NO OTHER CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN PASSED. MISGIVINGS IN THIS DIRECTION ARE REALLY GROUNDLESS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF OUR CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WITH THE OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES OPENS UP FOR US THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND WE ARE RESOLVED TO CONTINUE ALONG THE POST-JANUARY PATH.

I SHOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MOST SINCERELY THE INHABITANTS OF BRATISLAVA AND OF CIERNA NAD TISA AFOR THE WELCOME THEY GAVE OUR GUESTS AND FOR THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE WHICH THEY CREATED FOR OUR MEETINGS.

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