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This insert will not appear in all copies of the LINE. It is being released because of the urgent need to provide an explanation of the Soviet and allied invasion of Czechoslovakia, other than the oversimplified interpretations being provided by the Establishment press. The Soviet Union invasion of Czechoslovakia is not evidence of "typical world Communist tyranny". It is a direct outgrowth of the last forty years of Russian Communist history. The Soviet government's action is that of illegal interference by one Communist state in the running of another Communist state.

The Soviet government has made two accusations against the Czech government:

1. It is making reforms of an anti-socialist nature,
2. It is accomodating the Capitalist nations in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Socialist countries.

Both of these accusations are correct to a large extent.

BOTH APPLY EQUALLY STRONGLY TO THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF.

The Soviet Union has not invaded Czechoslovakia for reasons in any way related to genuine socialism. The invasion was mounted because bureaucrats running the Soviet Union are less concerned with Communism than with maintaining their own positions and great power status. This invasion has taken place because the Soviet Union has failed to learn the lessons taught in Cuba, China and Vietnam: that the establishment and maintenance of Socialism in each country is the concern of the revolutionary peoples of those countries and cannot be enforced by the armies of external Socialist states. This is why Revolutionary Socialists all over the world, even though they may reject the direction taken by the Dubcek government, will support the right of the Czech people to decide the direction of socialism in their country for themselves. This is why all Revolutionary Socialists will condemn the aggressive acts committed by Warsaw Pact Nations yesterday.

Because this supplement has been produced hurriedly, we have not been able to analyse the situation in depth. We will be doing this in the next issue. Watch for next Thursday's LINE including analytical articles on the Czech situation from several differing Left-wing positions. Also coming, (Soviet bureaucratic censors permitting) will be on-the-spot reports from Czechoslovakia from our own correspondent (and Great Helmsman) Brian Laver, currently in Prague.