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"BORBA" ON REVISIONIST CHARGES AGAINST LUKACS

MUNICH, DECEMBER 16 -- [REDACTED] -- UNDER THE TITLE "LUKACS ACCUSED OF REVISIONISM", "BORBA" OF DECEMBER 14 CARRIED A SUMMARY OF AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE HUNGARIAN CP THEORETICAL PERIODICAL "TARSADALMI SZEMLE" OF DEC. 13.

"BORBA" SAID THAT THE HUNGARIAN PAPER PUBLISHED "A SHARPLY FORMULATED CRITICISM OF THE THEORETICAL-POLITICAL AND LITERARY VIEWS OF THE WELL-KNOWN HUNGARIAN WRITER AND THEORETICIAN, GYORGY LUKACS."

"BORBA" CONTINUED: "IN AN ARTICLE SIGNED BY JOZSEF SZIGETI, DEPUTY-MINISTER OF EDUCATION, GYORGY LUKACS IS ACCUSED OF REVISIONISM, OF ANTI-MARXIST ATTITUDE, OF TAKING A WRONG STAND DURING THE OCTOBER 1956 EVENTS AND OF SPREADING ANTI-LENINIST VIEWS.

"AFTER HAVING ACCUSED LUKACS OF CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO THE SPREADING OF THE 'UNSCIENTIFIC TERM "STALINISM" IN HUNGARY', JOZSEF SZIGETI ADDED THAT 'THE BASIS OF LUKACS' MISTAKES SHOULD BE SOUGHT IN THE FACT THAT HE HAS DIFFERENTIATED THE TERM "LENINISM" FROM "LENINIST METHODS" AND TREATS METHODS AS SOMETHING ABSOLUTE IN CONTRAST TO THEORY'.

"TAKING THIS AS A STARTING POINT", "BORBA" CONTINUED, "SZIGETI'S ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT LUKACS HAD POINTED OUT 'A NON-EXISTENT DANGER ARISING FROM A DOGMATIC INTERPRETATION OF LENIN; LUKACS CLAIMED THAT CONSISTENT ADVOCACY OF THE ESSENCE OF LENIN'S THEORIES WOULD HAVE MEANT FOR HIM (I.E. FOR LUKACS - ED.) SECTARIANISM AND DOGMATISM'."

"BORBA" SAID THAT "SZIGETI CONTESTS THE VALUE OF LUKACS' LOGIC AND CLAIMS THAT THIS LOGIC IS SUPERFICIAL AND IS NOT THE LOGIC OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE."

ACCORDING TO "BORBA" SZIGETI SAID IN HIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING: "LUKACS' VIEWS WERE CLOSE TO THE VIEWS OF THE IMRE NAGY GROUP, WHICH WAS EVEN THEN AN ORGANIZED ONE. THIS GROUP IMPLEMENTED THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE EVEN IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THEREBY CONTESTED THE PRINCIPLE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AS A BASIS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES".

"BORBA" CONTINUED: "AFTER STRESSING HIS OWN DISAGREEMENTS WITH LUKACS' VIEWS IN OTHER FIELDS, ESPECIALLY WITH LUKACS' ASSERTION THAT SOCIALIST REALISM IN LITERATURE HAS PRIMARILY BEEN THE RESULT OF ADMINISTRATIVE INTERFERENCE IN LITERATURE RATHER THAN OF FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS, SZIGETI -- REFERRING TO JOZSEF REVAI -- SAID THAT AS EARLY AS THE PERIOD 1949/1950 IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SEE, ALTHOUGH DIMLY, THE BASIC PREMISES OF LUKACS' VIEWS".

SZIGETI CONCLUDED HIS ARTICLE AS FOLLOWS: "WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT LUKACS, IN SPITE OF HIS WRONG GENERAL LINE, HAS DONE WORK OF INDISPUTABLE VALUE, HOWEVER, HIS WRONG GENERAL LINE AND THEORETICAL ERRORS SHOULD BE CRITICIZED IN A MUCH SHARPER WAY AND MORE THOROUGHLY THAN EVER BEFORE. LUKACS' VIEWS SHOULD BE ERADICATED AS ANTI-MARXIST AND ANTI-LENINIST".

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