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RUSS- YUGOSLAV CP WEEKLY DISCUSSES YUGOSLAV-SOVIET
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Munich, June 13 -- (STANKOVIC) -- Discussing the second anniversary of the BELGRADE DECLARATION, the weekly of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, "Komunist", twice mentioned KHRUSHCHEV as a sincere advocate of the Yugoslav-Russian friendly relations, in its latest issue - June 7. The actual signatory of the BELGRADE Declaration, Marshal BULGANIN, was not mentioned by name at all.

"Komunist" said editorially that "the BELGRADE Declaration was the first document bearing the signatures of the most responsible statesmen of two socialist countries" in which it was "de facto recognized" that the right "for different forms of socialist development" must be respected.

"Komunist" added that the agreement achieved in the BELGRADE Declaration "represented a very big contribution to the development of cooperation between socialist countries upon a new basis".

The Yugoslav CP organ also said that "along with the Declaration on the relations between the League of Communists of Yugoslavia and the CPSU, signed in MOSCOW in June 1956, the BELGRADE Declaration represents an excellent form for surmounting all difficulties with which the workers' movement was, and -- partially -- still is confronted..." "Komunist" continued:

"It is impossible, however, not to recognize that in the second year following the signature of the BELGRADE Declaration, the promotion of the Soviet-Yugoslav cooperation was slowed down in certain fields, that it encountered difficulties which we had neither wished nor expected.

"The basic cause of these difficulties is represented, in our opinion, by the bringing into the realm of inter-State cooperation of the differences in views, appraisals and concepts which had existed, still exist and which cannot disappear overnight.

"The Yugoslavs have noted with anxiety that, especially since the tragic events in Hungary, unjustified accusations against our country, its internal development and foreign policy, have been repeated in the form of criticism of some of the attitudes of our Government and the League of Communists of Yugoslavia.

"For this reason the Yugoslav Communists have noted with satisfaction that the Soviet leaders, especially N.S. KHRUSHCHEV, have stressed in their recent statements that differences of an

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ideological nature ought not to be an impediment to friendly cooperation between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia..."

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In conclusion, "Komunist" said: "We hope that application of the principles of which N.S. KHRUSHCHEV spoke will represent an impetus for further development of Soviet-Yugoslav relations in all realms. Certain results, achieved during recent weeks, appear to justify these hopes".

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