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REYMAN HAS JUST DRAWN MY ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM A THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED WORD ARTICLE SIGNED BY YU. ARBATOV IN THE MOSCOW PRAVDA OF AUGUST 13, 1963. "THERMONUCLEAR WEAPONS CREATE SUCH A DANGER FOR THE PEOPLES THAT THERE ARISES THE POSSIBILITY OF THE BREAKING OUT OF REVOLUTIONARY CRISES NOT AFTER A WAR, AS HAS HAPPENED MORE THAN ONCE IN THE PAST, BUT BEFORE THE START OF HOSTILITIES, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE MERE THREAT OF WAR."

"IF THE MASSES OF WORKING PEOPLE HAVE SO OFTEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY RISEN IN REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE MOVED BY A DESIRE TO RID THEMSELVES OF NEED, SOCIAL INJUSTICE, NATIONAL OPPRESSION AND IMPERIALIST WARS, IT WOULD BE ABSURD TO THINK THAT THE DESIRE TO PREVENT UNPRECEDENTED ANNIHILATION AND TO SPARE THE LIVES OF ENTIRE PEOPLES WOULD BE A LESS EFFECTIVE MOTIVE FOR REVOLUTION."

"THUS THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, INCLUDING THE STRUGGLE FOR (MORE)

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DISARMAMENT, WHILE REMAINING A DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, AT THE SAME TIME IS NOT IN OPPOSITION TO THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM BUT RATHER SERVES AS ONE OF THE RELIABLE ACCESS ROUTES OF THE WORKING MASSES TO SOCIALIST REVOLUTION, ONE THAT IS ASSUMING GREAT REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL."

PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU CONSIDER THIS (1) A MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL INNOVATION ARISING AS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE ARGUMENT AGAINST CHINA; (2) A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF A BASIS OF CURRENT SOVIET STRATEGY AGAINST THE WEST, (3) A RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT ABERRATION, OR (4) A TRIAL BALLOON OR (5) SOMETHING ELSE.

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