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PROCLAMATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ACADEMY
OF SCIENCE TO CZECHOSLOVAK SCIENTIFIC WORKERS

With the tragic disaster of great Stalin's death still paining the hearts of all progressive people the world over, our working people and the International Labour Movement heard the sad news about the death of the father of our People's Democracy, President of the Czechoslovak Republic and Chairman of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, our dearly beloved comrade Klement Gottwald.

Standing deeply moved by the coffin of comrade Klement Gottwald, we feel the immense loss that his death means to our science. In comrade Gottwald Czechoslovak science lost a pioneer who showed to the working people the way out of the capitalist oppression by grasping the principles of the social development in our country in a scientific way, and accordingly led the working people towards the building up of a happy and content socialist and communist society.

All Czechoslovak scientific workers realize with gratitude and acknowledgment that comrade Klement Gottwald set our scientific work into the nourishing soil of the marx-leninist world opinion and led it along the way of Stalin's Soviet science. The following wise statement of comrade Klement Gottwald will shine for ever in our mind: "What a People's Democracy of today needs, is by no means to make scientific and cultural life poorer and more one-sided, but rather to make it much richer, fuller and more productive."

Czechoslovak scientific workers recall with gratitude and affection that Gottwald's Five Year Plan poured new pure blood into the body of our science. Help with the building-up of socialism is one of the safe terms of reference for future enthusiastic efforts in our scientific work and means at the same time the life-giving union of theory and practice as taught to us by Stalin's great pupil, comrade Klement Gottwald.

In this sad moment for the Czech and Slovak nations, we appeal to all scientific workers and to the Czechoslovak working intelligentsia:

Draw closer together and form a mighty shield around the heart of our native country, around the Government and the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia which comrade Gottwald built into a marx-leninist Party in harmony with Stalin's principles, and into a reliable guarantee of the victory of socialism in our country.

Let us join more securely and more inseparably highly qualified work with the firm marx-leninist scientific teaching, as comrade Gottwald taught us to do.

Let us expand in our work more consistently and more productively the results and experiences of Stalin's Soviet science, as comrade Gottwald urged us to do.

Let us remain faithful to our working people, let us believe in their creative strength, and let us join in the struggle for new victories with all our abilities according to the example of the progressive traditions of our science, as comrade Gottwald urged us to do.

Let us create a united front of science where experienced older scientific workers will still more gladly hand over their rich experiences to young workers who in their turn will again learn with still greater zeal from their teachers, as comrade Gottwald wanted them to do.

Let us realize that science will never be able to expand more soundly without creative criticism and self-criticism on the part of all scientific workers as comrade Gottwald taught us to understand according to Stalin's principles.

Let us be ready to protect the constructive work of our people, and also to protect our science by fighting against the attacks and intrigues of our enemies at home and abroad; let us draw our ranks closer around the heritage of comrade Gottwald, and thus contribute to securing the safe way of our Czechoslovak front-line brigade towards socialism under the leadership of the Soviet Union — head of the world forces of peace.