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MY TELNO 1472: OCTOBER REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY-
SPEECH BY CHEBRIKOV

1. THE FOLLOWING WERE THE MAIN POINTS ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
2. THE APRIL PLENUM WAS AN EXAMPLE OF LENINIST FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY. "YES WE CHANGE OUR TACTICS AND IMPROVE OUR STRATEGY CHOOSING SOLUTIONS APPROPRIATE TO CHANGED CONDITIONS. A DECISIVE COURSE HAD BEEN TAKEN OF REAPPRAISING EVERYTHING WHICH HAD FAILED TO JUSTIFY ITSELF AND WAS HAMPERING PROGRESS".
3. "WE ALL FELT THAT OVER A CERTAIN PERIOD, ALTHOUGH PROGRESS CONTINUED, PROBLEMS HAD ACCUMULATED AND DELAYS IN SOLVING THEM HAD BROUGHT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES... SOME CADRES LOST THEIR TASTE FOR TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND INNOVATIONS DICTATED BY LIFE". IT WOULD BE WRONG TO THINK THE DEFICIENCIES WERE NOT PERCEIVED BUT MEASURES WERE "HALF-HEARTED AND NOT PUSHED THROUGH"
4. CHEBRIKOV REFERRED TO IMPROVED DISCIPLINE AND ORDER AND GREATER DYNAMISM WHICH PEOPLE RIGHTLY ATTRIBUTED TO "THE PARTY, ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND POLIBURO". LATER HE SPOKE OF "HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS WHICH ARE SO CHARACTERISTIC OF THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE".
5. WITHOUT A RADICAL BREAKTHROUGH TO HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE SIMULTANEOUSLY TO RESOLVE THE TASKS OF STEADILY RAISING THE WELFARE OF SOVIET PEOPLE, STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND MAINTAINING DEFENCE AT ITS NECESSARY LEVEL".
6. THERE WAS A TIME LAG BETWEEN ECONOMIC ACTION AND RESULT, BUT POSITIVE CHANGES WERE ALREADY APPARENT EG MORE DYNAMIC INDUSTRIAL GROWTH COMPARED WITH THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THIS YEAR AND A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE WORK OF THE RAILWAYS.
7. CHEBRIKOV CONFIRMED EXPLICITLY THAT FROM THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR A THIRD OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES WOULD BE WORKING ON THE BASIS OF THE LARGE-SCALE EXPERIMENT AND FROM 1987 ALL INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.

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8. OPENNESS (GLASNOST) SHOULD BE USED MORE ENERGETICALLY AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. "TIMELY, FULL AND FRANK INFORMATION AT ALL LEVELS, IS EVIDENCE OF TRUST IN PEOPLE, RESPECT FOR THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND EXPERIENCE..." THE PARTY WOULD DECISIVELY SUPPORT "EVERYTHING USEFUL" WHICH WAS DONE TO STRENGTHEN OPENNESS.

9. CHEBRIKOV REFERRED IN STANDARD TERMS TO MEASURES AGAINST EMBEZZLEMENT, BRIBERY, SPECULATION AND OTHER ABUSES, ADDING THAT IT WAS ENTIRELY OBVIOUS THAT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST OFFENDERS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED "EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIALIST LEGALITY".

10. THE PARTY HAD ADOPTED A CONSIDERATE ATTITUDE TOWARDS CADRES. BUT IT ISSUED NO CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNITY TO ANYONE WHO WAS BEHIND THE TIMES, OR EVEN RESISTED WHAT WAS NEW, VIOLATED PARTY AND STATE ORDER OR PUBLIC MORALITY.

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