

All for one and one for all
An invincible force

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Free people today rely on one another. We cannot even put our shoes on without the support of the community, because in order to make those shoes we need cobblers, livestock raisers, textile weavers, dye makers, metal workers, and other experts.

We cannot even eat a bite of bread without the support of the community. And we're not just referring to bakers, we're thinking of the worker-peasant who produces the grain, the miller who grinds it... Virtually all of us could go on and on with this list of necessary professions.

When we watch a film we all tend to think of the actors, the director, and other film industry workers, but in fact stonemasons, carpenters, brick factory workers, clay miners, and many other experts are needed to build a cinema, or to make a film.

When we happily dance in a club, or in a ballroom, do we think of the electricians, the chandelier makers, the tapestry weavers, the seamstresses, and all the others whose work has made our wonderful evening possible?

If someone decides to retire to a life of solitude and thinks that they do not depend on the community, they are completely wrong, because not a single bite of food, a single piece of furniture, or even a single rough wooden board would exist without the work of the community.

It's easier to do things together. Work and study go faster with others. We achieve more because we share our experiences, and our methods, and we learn together from our common mistakes. This is why people's democracies have embraced the socialist brigade movement.

Communities of young people often spend their spare time together after work and study. This is because social and intellectual development is faster, and relaxation is more pleasant in groups.

Our people's army raises youth to work and think communally. The execution of military assignments, communal study, sport and relaxation all develop the certainty of belonging to a community in the soldiers and support a common, friendly and comradely relationship.

Hiking offers a more memorable experience if we explore nature in a group, and spend time together by lakes or in wild forests. So many colors, so many pleasant memories are associated with group excursions....

Our society has also developed mass sport to its current high level. The reasoning of people's democracy has made it possible for hundreds of thousands of young people to pursue the greatest variety of sports.

Naturally we have to contribute to the community in order to benefit from it in turn. There are more and more young brigades and tractor drivers in our villages who are willing to work overtime, and more than overtime, if there is an urgent need to sow, hoe, or harvest.

We should celebrate the fact that more and more young people are beginning to care for the sick and elderly. They come together to renovate retirement and nursing homes. They jointly care for old people's gardens, and they share their food with those in need, or help them in other ways.

The ideal of "all for one and one for all" is actually being realized in socialist communities today. Members of such collectives care for one another: they are linked with the strong bonds of comradeship and friendship. They share each others' joys, problems and sorrows.

The greater community – society – greatly values such collectives. Young people who sacrifice their time to help one another are commended. Others are rewarded with free domestic vacations, or travel abroad. (Hungarian youth at the seaside in Varna.)

On the other hand, society condemns egotists who do not care about others' problems. For instance, those who try to avoid helping their colleagues. They may have 100 or 150 forints more in their pay-packets every month, but the entire working collective will lag behind because of their behavior. Even though their extra income may be lucrative in the immediate future, in the long term their behavior will bring them sorrow.

The collective deeply condemns and despises those who pillage their own society. These defendants have stolen clothing worth several thousand forints and will answer for their crimes in court. (The seven defendants on trial, and some of the pieces of evidence.)

The love of the collective accompanies the individual throughout his entire life. As soon as a child is born society begins to care for him. These days twenty-seven times more children are cared for in state nurseries than was the case in capitalist Hungary.

Our pre-schools – which care for nearly 200 thousand children – raise the young for community life. They offer a basic introduction to this life, and through songs, games and exercises help promote growth and emotional development.

Many schoolchildren continue to develop their social skills as young pioneers. The goal of this organization is to turn children into useful builders of society.

In a few years, the child is embraced by a more developed organization, the Communist Youth Association. Life in the Communist Youth Association greatly encourages young people to become conscious builders of socialism.

When a child reaches his or her sixteenth birthday, a ceremony to mark the beginning of adulthood is held in the presence of representatives of our social organizations. The presentation of the personal identity card strengthens the young person's awareness of his or her role as a respected member of a greater family – society – which will provide support till the end of their life.

It's not only in the movement, or in the party, or mass organizations, that the individual enjoys the care of the community. He also feels it when he increases his skills in evening courses at the workers' school.

When he takes part in technical training, he also feels the care of the community. It is manifested in the assistance, so eagerly provided to those who wish to learn by outstanding experts using the best training aids.

The individual enjoys the community's care when he takes vacation in a resort in the nation's most beautiful countryside. There he can rest and recover from the pains of a year's work, and can gather strength for work in the future.

The community stands by him when he is ill, when he has to be treated in a sanatorium or a hospital. In our society, concern for the working man's health is the standard.

In the capitalist system workers feared the inability to work that came with old age. Our great society does not leave people who have become exhausted in their work to suffer alone: instead we provide them with a pension and comfortably furnished retirement homes.

Each person uses the products made by the community. This requires each and every one of us to work to the best of our ability, and act as our own "quality controller" – through our work, we gain the right to judge the quality of our own products.

Society demands that the individual regularly trains himself because this is the only way to ensure that he makes the best use of his talents for the good of all.

The responsibility felt toward society is becoming a matter of honor and instinct for our student youth as well. Large groups of boys and girls take on voluntary work during summer vacation in factories, at construction sites, and in state farms, to help serve the greater community.

Our people form one great family, which each and every one of us must protect. This is why our constitution requires people to do military service, and to take part in peaceful, creative work.