

X/13 EURO - SOCIALISTS, LIBERALS DENOUNCE AGGRESSION

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MINISTER LUIGI PRETI, A VETERAN SOCIALISTS, AND ROBERTO CANTALUPO, LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, HAVE DENOUNCED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN ALMOST IDENTICAL WORDS.

BOTH SAID HERE THIS MORNING THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD REFLECT AGAIN ABOUT DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIETS.

"WE ARE THE PRESENCE OF A PROFOUND AND GRAVE ACT WHICH MENACES THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND WHICH SHOULD CAUSE WESTERN NATIONS TO REFLECT," SAID PRETI.

"WHILE THEY HOPED THEY WERE ON THE ROAD OF DIALOGUE, THIS BRUTAL ACT, WHICH REPEATED THE HITLER AGGRESSION OF 1939, TAKES US BACK 15 YEARS. WE HOPE THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND OTHER WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES WILL UNDERSTAND THIS HISTORIC OCCASION TO PUT A DIGNIFIED END TO THEIR LONG SUBJECTION TO A PARTY WHICH CLANDESTINELY PRACTICES TZARISM UNDER THE NAME OF SOCIALISM."

CANTALUPO SAID FROM THE CHAMBER: "THE AGGRESSION OF THE USSR AND ITS SATELLITES AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE OF AN ANCIENT CIVILIZED NATION OF CENTRAL EUROPE PROVES AGAIN -- AS TWELVE YEARS AGO IN HUNGARY -- THE IMMUTABILITY OF THE REACTIONARY AIMS OF PAN-COMMUNIST AND PAN-SLAV IMPERIALISM..."

"COMMUNISM AND FREEDOM REMAIN ETERNAL ENEMIES. DO NOT RPT NOT NOT CATHOLIC DIALOGUERS FINALLY UNDERSTAND THIS? THE ENTIRE POLICY OF DISTENSION AND COEXISTENCE HAVE RECEIVED A MORTAL BLOW."

HE CALLED FOR AN END TO "PERILOUS ANTI-HYDROGEN BOMB TREATY, ONE OF WHOSE AUTHORS IS RUSSIA, WHICH SEEKS TO ENSLAVE ALL OF EUROPE, FROM THE SOUTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE NORTH EAST VIA PANKOW-PRAGUE...FREEDOM IN EUROPE HAS BEEN SET BACK TEN YEARS IN A SINGLE NIGHT. WILL THE LEONE GOVERNMENT REALIZE THIS?"

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