

X/13 C/S - FRENCH C.R. REPROVES INTERVENTION

PARIS AUG. 21 (RFE SPECIAL-AFP/OVADIA) --- THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THAT IT "EXPRESSES ITS REPROBATION" OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"VERY GRAVE EVENTS ARE GOING ON IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA" THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY SAID IN A COMMUNIQUE.

"SOVIET, BULGARIAN, POLISH, HUNGARIAN AND EAST GERMAN TROOPS LAST NIGHT ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

"THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH HAD VOICED ITS GREAT SATISFACTION AFTER THE CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA MEETINGS AND THEIR POSITIVE RESULTS, EXPRESSES ITS SURPRISE AND REPROBATION FOLLOWING THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"DURING THE RECENT PAST, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT CONSIDERED THAT PROBLEMS ARISING BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTIES SHOULD BE STUDIED AND SOLVED THROUGH FRATERNAL DISCUSSIONS AND BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MEETINGS, HELD IN THE RESPECT OF BOTH THE SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH COUNTRY, THE FREE DETERMINATION OF EACH PARTY AND IN THE SPIRIT OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM".

THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ANNOUNCED AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE STATEMENT WAS SIGNED IN PARIS, AUGUST 21, AT 11 OCLOCK.

THE STATEMENT RECALLED THAT THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY HAD BEEN PREOCCUPIED "ABOUT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF CZECHOSLOVAK REALITY AND HAD AFFIRMED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY SHOULD ACT AGAINST ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND EXTEND THE SOCIALIST CONQUESTS.

"THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY HAS INVARIABLY WORKED IN THIS SENSE AND HAD LET EVERYONE KNOW OF ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION FROM ABROAD", THE PARTY STATEMENT SAID.

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