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ITALIAN PARTY LEADER DEPLORES CSSR EVENTS

ROME, AUG. 21.--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST).-- SECRETARY OF THE SMALL ITALIAN LEFT-OF-CENTER REPUBLICAN PARTY, UGO LA MALFA, TODAY DEPLORED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAYING IT SHOWED THE SOVIET UNION COULD NEVER DEPART FROM A RIGID AND ABSOLUTIST POLICY.

"THE INVASION...SERVES TO CLEAR UP DEFINITELY A SITUATION ABOUT WHICH THERE WERE MANY EQUIVOCATIONS," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

"THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET UNION, EVEN AFTER DE-STALINIZATION, CANNOT BUT REMAIN FAITHFUL TO A MOST RIGID AND ABSOLUTISTIC SCHEME OF INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

"ACCEPTING ANY DEVIATION FROM THAT SCHEME RISKS THE COLLAPSE OF ALL."

FRENCH SOCIALISTS MEETING

PARIS, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) - THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY HAS CALLED FOR A MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SECRETARY GENERAL GUY MOLLET WILL CUT SHORT HIS HOLIDAY AND ARRIVES IN PARIS TOMORROW MORNING.

LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS "INDIGNANT"

PARIS, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) - THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, DANIEL MAYER, THIS MORNING EXPRESSED THE "INDIGNATION, WORRY AND ANXIETY" OF HIS GROUP BEFORE THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS.

"WE ARE INDIGNATED TO SEE HOW HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF AND HOW THE SUMMER OF 1968 IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA RESEMBLES THE SPRING OF 1939.

"WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM RETURN TO ITS STALINIST ERRORS AND TO EMPLOY FORCE AFTER HAVING USED THREATS AND HYPOCRISY.

"WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE STILL VERY FRAGILE UNION OF LEFTISTS IN FRANCE MAY BE JEOPARDISES UNLESS THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DENOUNCES WITHOUT AMBIGUITY, THE ATTACK OF THE SOVIET, BULGARIA, POLISH, HUNGARIAN AND EAST GERMAN ARMIES ON THE SOCIALIST STATE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA," DANIEL MAYER DECLARED.

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