

X/13 C/S - ITALIAN CABINET MEETING OVER CSSR

ROME, AUG. 22--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)---ITALIAN PREMIER, GIOVANNI LEONE, CALLED A MEETING OF THE CABINET THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

LEONE MET YESTERDAY WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ROME, NIKITA RYZOV, INFORMING HIM---ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE---OF ITALY'S "INDIGNATION" AT THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT," SAID THE COMMUNIQUE, "BELIEVES THAT THIS IS AN EVENT OF EXTREME GRAVITY BECAUSE IT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND OF THE NORMS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, A VIOLENT ATTEMPT ON THE FREE DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND FRACTURE OF THE PROCESS OF RELAXATION OF TENSION TO WHICH ITALY HAS ALWAYS GIVEN ITS SINCERE AND WARM CONTRIBUTION."

THE LEFT-WING ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY OF PROLETARIAN UNITY (PSIUP) HAS SAID MEANTIME THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS WORSENERED, RATHER THAN SOLVED, THE PROBLEMS THAT LIE AT THE BASIS OF THE CRISIS.

IN A COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED BY TODAY'S COMMUNIST DAILY, UNITA, THE PSIUP DIRECTORATE SAID:

"AT THE CURRENT STATE OF THINGS, THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DOES NOT RESOLVE, BUT RENDERS MORE DIFFICULT, THE POSITIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE AT THE ORIGIN OF THE CURRENT CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS, INTERNALLY AND IN RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

NECESSARY, ADDED THE COMMUNIQUE, IS A "STRATEGY COMMON TO THE SOCIALIST WORLD THAT RESPECTS AUTONOMY AND IS MINDFUL OF THE DIVERSITIES OF THE SITUATIONS AND OF THE CONDITIONS OF EACH SOCIALIST COUNTRY AND OF EACH WORKERS MOVEMENT."

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