

X/13 C/S - UNITA SAYS RUSSIANS FEEL PERPLEXED, ANXIOUS

ROME, AUG. 22 - (RFE SPECIAL) -- SOVIET PUBLIC OPINION IS PERPLEXED AND ANXIOUS, REPORTS L'UNITA, THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, THIS MORNING UNDER A MOSCOW DATED LINE.

"THE ATMOSPHERE IS HARD AND HEAVY, PUBLIC OPINION IS SHAKEN: NOTHING ELSE IS TALKED ABOUT, THE RADIO AND THE TELEVISION CONTINUE TO REPEAT THE SAME COMMUNIQUE, THE NEWSPAPERS SELL AS GOLD," THE UNITA STORY STATES REPORTING MOSCOW RECEPTION OF THE NEWS OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

QUOTING ISVESTIA'S WORDS ON LOVE FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAKS AND THAT THE MILITARY ACTION WAS TAKEN ONLY AGAINST THE FORCES OF REACTION, L'UNITA CONTINUES:

"BUT THESE WORDS DO NOT RPT NOT HIDE THE PREOCCUPATION AND THE ANXIETY WITH WHICH THE SOVIET PEOPLE FOLLOW THE DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS THESE HOURS, THE BITTERNESS AND THE CONSTERNATION OVER THE FACT THAT A CLASH HAS OCCURRED AND PITS COMRADES OF THE SAME FAITH ONE AGAINST THE OTHER.

"THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEELING THAT TO WALK IN UNITY WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT AND MORE TORMENTED HENCEFORTH. NEWS THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY HAD TAKEN POSITIONS CLEARLY AGAINST THE INTERVENTION HAS CAUSED OTHER QUESTIONS TO ARISE IN SOVIET HEARTS.

"A GREAT MOVE TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY THE INTERVENTION IS UNDERWAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO SHOW THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO OTHER WAY IN WHICH 'TO SAVE SOCIALISM,' WITH THIS AIM MUCH IS BEING MADE OF LITTLE AND BIG EPISODES THAT SHOW, SUCH AS THAT DURING THE OPEN PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY PLENUM, THAT ANTISOCIALIST FORCES WERE COMING MORE DEFINITELY TO THE FORE.

(THESE FORCES) WERE PREPARED, WITH THE DEFINITE AID OF IMPERIALISTIC GROUPS -- AND ABOVE ALL FEDERAL GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES

-- TO DIRECTLY ATTACK SOCIALIST POWER.

"THESE EPISODES, HOWEVER, DO NOT RPT NOT SEEM SUFFICIENT TO HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF PROVOKING THE DECISION TO HAVE RECOURSE TO ARMED FORCE TO MEET PROBLEMS WHICH ARE FUNDAMENTALLY PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENLARGMENT OF SOCIALISM. FOR THAT REASON EVER NEW REASONS ARE BEING SOUGHT AND SPREAD BY EVERY SORT OF MEDIA.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS TALK OF A HIGHEST LEVEL MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY OR THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, DURING WHICH THE ACTIVITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WAS JUDGED INSUFFICIENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSUMED AT BRATISLAVA.

"NEWS, DIFFUSED THIS MORNING IN EUROPE, OF SENSATIONAL RESIGNATIONS WITHIN THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP GROUP (AMONG OTHERS THERE WAS TALK OF THE RESIGNATION OF KOSYGIN AND GRECKO HAVE BEEN DENIED IN MOSCOW.

"POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION FOR A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WAS TAKEN SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

"IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS NOTED THAT, COMMENTING ON THE BRATISLAV DOCUMENT, THE SOVIET PRESS, WHICH IN THE EARLY DAYS HAD UNDERLINED THE POINTS OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD RECONFORMED THE VALIDITY OF THE PRINCIPLES OF AUTONOMY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (AS WELL AS THE NEED TO WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN A CREATIVE SPIRIT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE 'GENERAL LAWS' OF SOCIALISM BUT ALSO OF PARTICULAR NATIONALITIES), THESE LAST DAYS ADOPTED AN INVECTIVE ATTITUDE ABOVE ALL ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTY, OTHER THAN TOWARDS ITS OWN WORKER CLASS, TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL WORKER MOVEMENT."

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