

STOCKHOLM, AUG 22 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THRANE) -- THE NORWEGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY YESTERDAY ADOPTED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM HER SOIL.

NORWEGIAN CP CHAIRMAN RAIDER LARSEN ADDED A FEW COMMENTS OF HIS OWN TO THE STATEMENT.

LARSEN SAID THE STATEMENT WHICH WAS BEING SENT TO ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES AND ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT READS:

"THE HOPES FOR A GOOD DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH WE HAD AFTER THE MEETINGS IN CIERNA AND BRATISLAVA WERE CRUSHED AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MILITARY INVASION BY THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NORWAY HAS IN A NUMBER OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES FULL SOVEREIGNTY IN DECIDING THEIR POLITICAL LINE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE MAINTAINED THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES AND CONDEMNED ALL ATTEMPTS TO USE FORCE TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER PEOPLES.

"THIS PRINCIPLE IS ALSO VALID IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE INVASION BY FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT COUNTRY WHICH MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS HARM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ITSELF AND IN OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE MILITARY ACTION IS A SERIOUS BREAK WITH THE PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD EXIST IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES.

"WE THEREFORE DEMAND THAT ALL FOREIGN TROOPS ON CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY BE WITHDRAWN. ALSO THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES ITSELF SHOULD DETERMINE ITS ROAD OF SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT. THAT TASK HAS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE DURING THE PRESENT CONDITIONS. THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS WILL ALL THE MORE BE IN NEED OF THE SUPPORT WHICH COMMUNIST PARTIES ALL OVER THE WORLD CAN GIVE THEM. THEREFORE, IN THIS SITUATION WE SHALL STAND AT THE SIDE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKING CLASSES, ITS COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PARTYS LEGALLY ELECTED LEADERS."

LARSEN ADDED THAT THE EFFECT OF THE INVASION ON HIS PARTY IN NORWAY "IS NEGATIVE. BUT IF A PARTY DEALS HONESTLY WITH THE SITUATION, THE PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THAT."

LARSEN DECLARED THAT "MOSCOW HAS CEASED BEING THE CENTER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES LONG AGO. THE PARTIES HAVE PUT A STOP TO THAT AND HAVE DEVELOPED AN INDEPENDENT POLICY IN THE PAST YEARS. WE MUST SEE AS A PROOF OF THIS THE REACTION WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN THIS SITUATION."

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