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C/S - 1ST ADD MORNING INTRO - FRENCH ... (CN 30) XXX BLOCS

THIS POLICY, THE MINISTER SAID, JEOPARDIZED PEACE. IT ESTABLISHES A DIVISION THAT CAN ONLY LEAD TO CONFLICTS. IT ALSO RESULTS IN THE ADMISSION, WITHIN EACH BLOC, THAT THE STRONGEST POWER MAY IMPOSE ITS HEGEMONY.

FRANCE, SAID LE THEULE, WANTS TO SEE THE TRIUMPH OF ANOTHER CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE : A CONCEPT THAT IS BASED ON THE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE TO DETERMINE ITS DESTINY, THEREFORE ON THE AFFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE.

"THE REAFFIRMATION, THROUGH AN ARMED INTERVENTION, OF THE DOCTRINE OF BLOCS IS, IN THE EYES OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, TO TURN ONES BACK TO PEACE.

HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD "RECENTLY SEEMED TO EMBARK ON A COURSE OF POLITICAL DETENTE, LIKE FRANCE". THIS "CONVERGENCE OF INTENTS" HAD BEEN PROCLAIMED AT MANY OCCASIONS, HE SAID, IN PARTICULAR DURING PRESIDENT DE GAULLES VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, BECAUSE "DETENTE, THE ROAD TO ENTENTE AND COOPERATION IS THE ONLY POLICY THAT CAN LEND SOLID AND LASTING CHANCES TO EUROPE AND TO PEACE, WHILE ALL OTHER ROADS LEAD INEVITABLY TO THE DIVISION OF OUR CONTINENT AND TO INTERNATIONAL TENSION".

"THIS IS WHY WE FINALLY BELIEVE IN THE TRIUMPH OF WISDOM AND INTEREST", SAID LE THEULE.

"THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES THE ARDENT WISH THAT THE SOVIET UNION, BY PROCEEDING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS TROOPS AND OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, AND BY LETTING CZECHOSLOVAKIA ALONE DETERMINE ITS DESTINY, RETURN TO THE ONLY ROAD THAT IS WORTH WHILE," LE THEULE SAID.

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