

X/13 CS - FRENCH CP WRITER ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PARIS AUG. 25 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT FRENCH COMMUNIST COMMENTATORS, YVES MOREAU, SAID TODAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS ACTED CONTRARY TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNISM WHEN IT INVADDED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THIS ATTITUDE, MOREAU SAID, DID NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT ANY FRENCH COMMUNIST COULD EVER FORGET "WHAT WE OWE THE COUNTRY AND THE PARTY OF LENIN".

MOREAU WAS WRITING FOR THE POPULAR SUNDAY EDITION OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY L'HUMANITE.

"ALTHOUGH I ADHERE WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS TO THE REPROBATION OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION EXPRESSED BY MY PARTY, I HAVE TO SAY THAT THIS ADHERENCE WAS NOT GIVEN WITHOUT A PAINFUL TEARING.

"THE SOVIET UNION .. FOR ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN LIKE I HAVE BEEN, A MILITANT COMMUNIST FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, NOTHING CAN BE FORGOTTEN, NOTHING SHALL EVER BE FORGOTTEN OF WHAT WE OWE THE COUNTRY AND THE PARTY OF LENIN", MOREAU SAID.

"BUT THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A BREAK AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES WHICH WE AS COMMUNISTS CONSIDER FUNDAMENTAL : THE RESPECT OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF EACH COUNTRY, THE RESPECT OF THE FREE DETERMINATION OF EACH COMMUNIST PARTY", MOREAU SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD JUSTIFIED "LEGITIMATE APPREHENSIONS". THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM HAD ATTEMPTED TO PROFIT FROM THE "JUST" EFFORTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS TO EXTEND SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY IN THEIR COUNTRY. THE LIMIT BETWEEN LIBERTY AND LICENSE HAD REMAINED "TOO VAGUE".

"CERTAIN ELEMENTS PROFITED FROM THIS AND, ABOVE ALL, THEY WERE, NO DOUBT, NOT CONTAINED BY A SUFFICIENTLY VIGOROUS POLITICAL STRUGGLE", SAID MOREAU.

HE RECALLED THE EFFORTS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PROBLEMS MADE BY THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY AND ITS SECRETARY GENERAL, WALDECK ROCHET, WHO HAD ALSO INFORMED THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS OF THESE FRENCH PREOCCUPATIONS DURING HIS PRAGUE VISIT LAST MONTH.

"HOWEVER," SAID MOREAU, "IT IS UP TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY TO TAKE THE INDISPENSABLE PROTECTION MEASURES."

THE OUTCOME OF THE BRATISLAVA CONFERENCE, MOREAU SAID, APPEARED TO HAVE CREATED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMRADES. ANYHOW, THE CONFERENCE HAD BEEN PROOF OF THE EXACTITUDE OF THE FRENCH POSITION THAT ALL PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED BY FRATERNAL DISCUSSIONS, MOREAU SAID.

MOREAU SAID THE FRENCH PARTY HAD CLEARLY STATED ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION AND "UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS", IT HAD EXPRESSED ITS REPROBATION LAST WEDNESDAY.

"IS THERE ANY NEED TO STRESS THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ANTI-SOVIET EXCITEMENT OF THE ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM?" MOREAU SAID.

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