

ROME, AUG. 26--(RFE SPECIAL)---FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH JEAN PAUL SARTRE, PUBLISHED BY ROMES COMMUNIST-ORIENTED DAILY PAESE SERA AUG. 25, IN WHICH THE FRENCH WRITER-PHILSOPHER CALLED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA A "WAR CRIME."

PAESE SERA SAID THE INTERVIEW WAS RECORDED IN ROME BY ORETTA BONGARZONI.

"Q. MR. SARTRE, IN THIS MOMENT HUMANITY IS GOING THROUGH PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL PERIODS THAT HISTORY RECALLS.

"TO THE EVILS AND THE STRUCTURAL TRAGEDIES, SUCH AS AMERICAN RACISM AND BELLIGERENCE, OR HUNGER IN A THIRD OF THE WORLD, IS ADDED NOW THE DRAMATIC EVENTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AS AN INTELLECTUAL AND A DEMOCRAT, HOW DO YOU JUDGE THE CURRENT AND DIFFICULT SITUATION OF THE WORLD.

"A. VERY DIFFICULT INDEED AND I BELIEVE THAT UNFORTUNATELY A LITTLE BIT OF PESSIMISM IS LICIT. WE KNOW ALL THE FRIGHTENING DANGERS THAT ARE HIDDEN IN THE FOREIGN AND THE INTERNAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. WE KNOW WHAT AN ANGUISHED IMAGE IS OFFERED TODAY BY THIS COUNTRY. THEREFORE, STILL MORE ABSURD AND INCREDIBLE SEEMS THE GESTURE CARRIED OUT BY THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPUBLIC.

"IN THE INTEREST OF WHOM AND IN THE NAME OF WHICH ADVANTAGES DOES A SOCIALIST COUNTRY ASSUME SUCH AN ATTITUDE?

"YOU KNOW THAT I AM PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOUNDED BY BERTRAND RUSSELL. I DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT DECISIONS WE WILL TAKE IN REGARD TO THIS EPISODE.

CONSIDER IT A REAL AGGRESSION THAT WHICH IN THE JURIDICAL TERMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IS DEFINED AS A WAR CRIME.

"Q. THE AMERICANS ARE IN VIETNAM WITH IMPERIALISTIC PROPOSALS AND ARMED WITH MISSILES AND BOMBS THAT THEY HAVE HURLED AND CONTINUE TO HURL ON THE POPULATION, KILLING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY THE THOUSANDS.

"DOES IT NOT SEEM TO YOU THAT THERE IS A CERTAIN DIFFERENCE, CONSIDERING THAT THE SOVIET TROOPS IN PRAGUE ARE BEHAVING IN A DIFFERENT WAY?

"A. THAT IS TRUE. THE AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM IS AN IGNOBLE GENOCIDE AND FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW IT IS CERTAINLY NOT COMPARABLE WITH THE EVENTS OF PRAGUE.

"AND IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS A BULWARK AGAINST IMPERIALISM. THIS DOES NOT RPT NOT DIMINISH THE GRAVITY OF THE GESTURE THAT THE SOVIETS CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE CZECHOSLOVAKS., MUCH MORE GRAVE INASMUCH AS IT IS AN INTERVENTION TO THE DETRIMENT OF AN ALLIED COUNTRY, AND THAT IT BREAKS ALL THE LAWS OF NATIONAL SOVERIGNTY.

"I REPEAT, IT IS A MOST GRAVE FACT, NOT ONLY IN ITSELF, BUT ALSO FOR THE REPERCUSSIONS THAT IT WILL HAVE IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD.

"THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS OF THE WEST WILL BE AFFECTED BY IT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WILL BE CONDITIONED BY IT, THE HOPES FOR PEACE AND FOR PROGRESS NOURISHED BY MEN WHO WANT TO GO AHEAD ARE UNDERGOING AN AFFRONT. IT IS, IN SHORT, AN INCREDIBLE AND ALARMING EPISODE.

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