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PARIS AUG. 27 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA/AFP) -- A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLITBURO HAS DECLARED THAT THE "ONLY SOLUTION" TO THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS AND THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK "AUTONOMY".

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE BY POLITBURO MEMBER ROGER GARAUDY IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PARIS CORRESPONDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY CETEKA.

SPEAKING LAST NIGHT, GARAUDY SAID, "IN THIS SITUATION, NO COMPROMISE WAS POSSIBLE AND ONE CAN BUT CONGRATULATE ONESELF TO THE FIRM ATTITUDE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATORS, WHO KNOW THAT THEY ARE RIGHT AND THAT THEY HAVE THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THEIR PEOPLE."

ACCORDING TO GARAUDY, "THE ONLY SOLUTION IS THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS NOW OCCUPYING CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE RE-INSTALLATION OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE ITSELF HAS CHOSEN, SO THAT THIS PEOPLE MAY CONDUCT AUTONOMOUSLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOCIALISM THAT CORRESPONDS TO ITS DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT AND TO ITS NATIONAL CONDITIONS".

THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS, GARAUDY SAID, HAD PASSED THE DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH KEEN ATTENTION AND THE ACTION PROGRAM ADOPTED LAST SPRING BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAD ROUSED THEIR "PASSIONATE INTEREST".

"THIS PROGRAM", GARAUDY SAID, "OPENED A RESEARCH OF METHODS FOR THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION OF SOCIALISM IN A COUNTRY WHICH, LIKE FRANCE, WAS ALREADY HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED BEFORE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM AND IN WHICH THE TRADITION OF BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY WAS DEEPLY ROOTED. THESE ANALOGIES MADE THE CZECHOSLOVAK ENTERPRISE TO CREATE A TRUE SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY PARTICULARLY CLOSE AND FRATERNAL FOR US", GARAUDY SAID.

GARAUDY TOLD CETEKA THAT THE INTERVENTION WAS "TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED AND UNJUSTIFIABLE", ALL THE MORE SO AS "THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS HAD STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM AND ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE AND THE BACKING OF THE IMMENSE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE".

THIS INTERVENTION, THE FRENCH POLITBURO MEMBER SAID IN CONCLUSION OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY, "MIGHT KILL A GREAT HOPE".

THE GARAUDY INTERVIEW WAS PRECEDED BY SEVERAL OFFICIAL FRENCH PARTY STATEMENTS, EXPRESSING "REPROBATION", "DISAPPROVAL" AND "SURPRISE" AT THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT TROOPS.

THE FRENCH POLITBURO HAS ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT URGING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WALDECK ROCHET, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY, SAID IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT WITH A PRIVATE FRENCH RADIO STATION THAT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A "GRAVE ERROR" AND THAT THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY WAS IN "SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET PARTY OVER THIS BREACH AGAINST THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF EACH COMMUNIST PARTY.

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