

X/13 FRANCE -- FRENCH CP RAPS GARAUDY STATEMENT

PARIS, AUGUST 27 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS)---THE POLITBURO OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY PUBLICLY RAPPED ONE OF ITS MEMBERS FOR A STRONGLY-WORDED STATEMENT AGAINST SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON, THE POLITBURO SAID THAT IT "DISAPPROVED" THE INTERVIEW GIVEN TO A CORRESPONDENT OF CETEKA BY PROFESSOR ROGER GARAUDY.

"THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO STATE THAT THIS INTERVIEW COMMITS NOBODY BUT ITS AUTHOR.

"CERTAIN REMARKS BY ROGER GARAUDY DO NOT FIT IN WITH THOSE THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE POLITICAL BUREAU FORMULATED UNANIMOUSLY IN THEIR RESOLUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS.

"THEY CONSTITUTE AN INADMISSIBLE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF FRATERNAL PARTIES."

GARAUDY, IN THE INTERVIEW, HAD CONDEMNED THE SOVIET INVASION AS "UNJUSTIFIED AND UNJUSTIFIABLE". HE SAID IT DEMONSTRATED A "FALL BACK INTO STALINISM" AND ADDED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE SHOULD "GET OUT". CLOSING PHRASE OF HIS INTERVIEW WAS THE DEMAND THAT AFTER SETTLEMENT OF THE PRESENT CRISIS, THE "SEQUELS OF STALINISM" HAD TO BE DESTROYED TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF THE SITUATION.

GARAUDY HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH POLITBURO SINCE 1956. HE HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP IN THE PAST FOR HIS CRITICISMS OF THE STALINIST PERIOD AND HIS DEMANDS FOR GREATER DESTALINIZATION.

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