

X/13 CS -- 1ST ADD MITTERAND: MOSCOW ACCORD

(CN 158)XXX DEBATE

MITTERAND CONTINUED: "THE COURAGE AND DIGNITY OF THE WHOLE OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLE, THE CALM OF THEIR LEADERS HAVE WON THE ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD.

"WE UNDERSTAND AND SHARE THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AND THEIR BITTERNESS AT THE RESULTS OBTAINED IN MOSCOW UNDER MILITARY AND POLICE PRESSURE. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE POPULATION STILL HAD CONFIDENCE IN ITS LEADERS, IN PARTICULAR IN PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND IN DUBCEK, CERNIK AND SMRKOVSKY, TO OBTAIN AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE A NORMALISATION OF THE SITUATION WHICH CAN ONLY RESULT, IN THE FIRST PLACE, FROM THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE FOREIGN FORCES.

"IT IS, IN FACT, UP TO THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLE TO SAY WHAT THEY ACCEPT, HOPE AND WANT. THEY AND THEY ALONE HAVE SUPPORTED AND ARE SUPPORTING THE WEIGHT OF THE AGGRESSION. THAT IS WHY THE SOLIDARITY OF FREE MEN DOES NOT AUTHORIZE INCITEMENT TO ACTS WHOSE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE SUFFERED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES.

"THE FRENCH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAVE GREETED WITH GREAT INTEREST AND IMMENSE SYMPATHY THE EFFORTS OF LIBERALIZATION WHICH, AFTER 20 YEARS OF A TOTALITARIAN REGIME, HAVE RAISED UP THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES, DEMONSTRATING CLEARLY THAT THERE CAN BE NO SOCIALISM WORTHY OF THIS NAME WITHOUT DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM.

"THE FRENCH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES, WHEN THEY HAVE RECOVERED THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF DECISION, WILL PURSUE THE EFFORT ANNOUNCED BY THE SPRING OF PRAGUE.

"THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL ACT WITH THE SOLE CONCERN TO HELP A PEOPLE SEVERAL TIMES IN 30 YEARS VICTIM OF FOREIGN AND TOTALITARIAN AGGRESSION TO ENJOY THE RIGHT TO SET ITS DESTINY ITSELF."

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