

X/13 CURT - NOR. CP URGES CSSR SOVEREIGNTY

STOCKHOLM, AUG 29 -- (RFE SPECIAL)-- THE FIRST NORWEGIAN CP REACTION TO THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE WILL APPEAR AS AN EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE FRIDAY ISSUE OF THE NORWEGIAN WEEKLY CP PAPER "FRIHETEN". A MEMBER OF "FRIHETEN"'S STAFF TODAY

SAID IT WAS WRITTEN BY NORWEGIAN CP LEADER, REIDAR LARSEN. IT SAID:

"THE NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT GIVE A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OR TO THE COMMUNIST PARTIES WHICH HAVE DEMANDED RESTORATION OF NORMAL CONDITIONS. NORMAL CONDITIONS MEANS COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT IN THE COUNTRY. BUT THE NEGOTIATION RESULT MEANS, NEVERTHELESS, A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE OF THE SITUATION.

"WHAT HAS HAPPENED HAS HAD DAMAGING INTERNATIONAL EFFECTS WHICH FIRST OF ALL WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE INVASION. BUT IT HAS ALSO HARMED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND "WILL TAKE TIME BEFORE THOSE EFFECTS HAVE BEEN OVERCOME."

"CONCERNING THE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY (CSSR), IT APPEARS THAT THE POSSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN RESTORED TO LEAD IT INTO THE TRACK WHICH THE LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK ORGANS THEMSELVES DECIDE TO TAKE. THEREBY THE CALM, FIRM ATTITUDE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERS DURING THE DANGEROUS CRISIS THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN PLACED IN AND THE SUPPORT THEY GOT, NOT LEAST FROM THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT THE WORLD OVER, RESULTED IN MORE THAN HALF A VICTORY. ABOVE ALL, THE SHORT BUT VIOLENT AND DRAMATIC STRUGGLE HAS BEEN ABOUT THE STATE SYSTEM IN A SOCIALIST COUNTRY AND THE UNRESTRICTED RIGHT OF COMMUNIST PARTIES TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN LINE.

"THE TRAGIC INTERFERENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MUST BE THE RESULT OF A MISINTERPRETATION OF THE SITUATION.

"IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE WORST TRIALS ARE OVER FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE TIME TO COME THEY WILL BE IN NEED OF THE SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY OF THEIR FRATERNAL PARTIES. THE PARTY HAS DECIDED TO TAKE NEW, INTERESTING WAYS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY AND WILL DURING THAT PROCESS GAIN EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE OF GREAT VALUE, NOT LEAST TO THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

"SECURITY MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO DETERMINE ITS LINE OF SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT UNDER COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY. IN THAT LIES THE BEST GUARANTEE THAT THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES ACTIVE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND WHICH THE POLITICAL REACTION IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD PLACES ITS HOPES ON, WILL NOT GET ANY SUPPORT FROM THE POPULATION.

"A SECURED RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WILL MORE THAN ANYTHING HELP TO OVERCOME THE HARM WHICH HAS BEEN DONE. IT WILL ALSO MAKE IT EASIER TO TURN INTERNATIONAL INTEREST TO OTHER BURNING PROBLEMS WHICH DURING RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY MUST FEEL THAT ITS BACK IS FREE, THAT IT IS STANDING ON FIRM GROUND, TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP AND BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE."