

X/13 CURT -- BELGIAN POLITBURO MEMBER ON "SOVIET ERROR"

BRUSSELS, AUG 30 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- A LEADING BELGIAN COMMUNIST HAS SAID THE SOVIET UNION COMMITTED "A GRAVE ERROR" IN CARRYING OUT ITS MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID, THE SOVIETS AND OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES SHOULD INSTEAD HAVE HELPED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY IN ITS EXPERIMENT OF "ADAPTING SOCIALISM TO CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT."

JEAN TERFVE, A MEMBER OF THE PRO-MOSCOM TRADITIONAL BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLITBURO SINCE 1944 AND A FORMER GOVERNMENT MINISTER, SENATOR AND DEPUTY, MADE HIS COMMENTS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH POURQUOI PAS, A MASS-CIRCULATION BELGIAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE. THE INTERVIEW WAS PUBLISHED THURSDAY.

THE BELGIAN PARTY SHARPLY DISAGREED WITH THE SOVIET-LED MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TERFVE SAID, "BECAUSE FROM FACTORS IN OUR POSSESSION, THE REASONS INVOKED BY THE SOVIET UNION ARE NOT JUSTIFIED AND DO NOT APPEAR TO CORRESPOND TO REALITY.

"WE FEEL THAT EVEN HAD THERE BEEN DANGERS OF REACTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA...THE METHODS USED WERE NEITHER DEFENSIBLE NOR EFFICACIOUS."

ASKED WHY HE CONSIDERED THE ACTION NOT EFFICACIOUS, TERFVE REPLIED: "BECAUSE THERE IS A RISK THAT WHAT WAS DONE WILL HAVE CONTRARY RESULTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. THERE IS THE RISK THAT IT WILL BLOCK ALL THE PERSEVERING EFFORTS OF THE LAST FEW YEARS.

"MILITARY INTERVENTION IS CONTRARY TO TWO IMPORTANT POLITICAL NOTIONS TO WHICH WE ARE PROFOUNDLY ATTACHED," THE BELGIAN PARTY OFFICIAL CONTINUED.

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