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"FIRSTLY, IT IS POSSIBLE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND WAR EXISTING IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES BY OTHER MEANS THAN FORCE OR MEASURES OF COLD WAR," TERFVE DECLARED.

"SECONDLY, THE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY OF EVERY COMMUNIST PARTY, BEARING IN MIND THEIR OBLIGATIONS OF INTER-PARTY SOLIDARITY, ARE THINGS TO BE RESPECTED."

WHEN ASKED HOW EXTENSIVE THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BELGIAN AND SOVIET PARTIES WAS, TERFVE REPLIED:

"OUR POSITION HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH SYSTEMATIC ANTI-SOVIETISM. WE CONSIDER THAT OUR SOVIET COMRADES HAVE COMMITTED A GRAVE ERROR. I MIGHT ADD THAT THE POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN IS DIFFICULT, EVEN PAINFUL..."

"WE WANTED TO TELL THEM IN OUR OWN WAY THAT THEY HAD MADE A MISTAKE. BUT EVEN SO, THE WORLD FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM IS INCONCEIVABLE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AS IS THE FIGHT FOR THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE," HE SAID.

(THE BELGIAN PARTY, IN AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PARTIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, BULGARIA, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND POLAND, SPELLED OUT ITS POSITION LAST WEEK. IT SAID "WE CANNOT APPROVE THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THE BELGIAN PARTY CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND SAID "WE WISH THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THE LABOR MOVEMENT THE CONVINCING EXPLANATIONS TO WHICH IT HAS THE RIGHT.")

TERFVE SAID THE "IMPORTANT OPPOSITION SHOWN BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS, AND ESPECIALLY A SERIES OF IMPORTANT PARTIES OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES...WILL NOT FAIL TO HAVE REPERCUSSIONS" ON THE THINKING OF THE SOVIET LEADERS.

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