

X/13 EURO - LONGO REAFFIRMS PCI STAND

ROME, AUG. 30 (RFE SPECIAL/WILSON) - WITH ONLY ONE DISSENTING VOTE, THE COMBINED SESSION OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PARTY'S STAND IN THE LIGHT OF CZECHO-SLOVAK EVENTS.

SECRETARY GENERAL LUIGI LONGO WHO HAD OPENED THE MEETING TUESDAY WITH WITH A 12,000 WORD SPEECH, CONCLUDED IT YESTERDAY WITH AN 8,000 WORD RESUME OF HIS OWN INTRODUCTION AND THE INTERVENTIONS OF SOME SCORE PARTY LEADERS.

THE PARTY LINE REMAINED THE SAME: A REBUKE TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT A RECOGNITION OF SOVIET EFFORTS, PAST AND PRESENT, TO LEAD THE WORLD TOWARDS "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM."

A REAFFIRMATION OF THE RIGHT OF EVERY PARTY TO FIND ITS OWN WAY TO SOCIALISM AND SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO CHOOSE A "NEW COURSE"; AN ATTACK ON THE WESTERN POWERS, AND PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, OVER VIETNAM, THE ATLANTIC PACT AND, ESPECIALLY WHERE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED, OVER POSTPONEMENT OF SIGNING THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN SPONSORED NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

LONGO REPEATED THE PARTY'S REQUEST THAT "THE COMMUNIST PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE FIVE INTERVENING POWERS HEED THE REQUEST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS AND PERMIT THE DEMOCRATICALLY LEGALLY ELECTED ORGANS OF THE STATE AND PARTY TO FREELY RESUME THEIR ACTIVITIES."

LONGO SAID THE PCI'S WHOLE ACTION THESE DAYS MUST BE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND FREEDOM OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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