

X/13 CURT -- BELGIAN CP: C/S MUST NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION

BRUSSELS, AUG 30 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- THE TRADITIONAL (PRO-MOSCOW) BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY DENIED THAT ITS OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BEEN "ONE OF FACILITY, YIELDING TO A REACTIONARY CAMPAIGN."

IT RENEWED ITS PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND CALLED FOR A NORMALISATION OF THE SITUATION "AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS."

AN EDITORIAL ON THE PARTY POSITION REGARDING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE WEEKLY ORGAN OF THE PARTY, LE DREAPAU ROUGE," SAID:

"THE BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED ITS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE MILITARY INTERVENTION WHICH IT FEELS WAS A GRAVE ERROR.

"ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL REASONS FOR THIS STAND IS THAT IT IS UP TO THE LEGAL AUTHORITIES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THE LEADERS OF THEIR PARTY TO DECIDE FREELY WHETHER THEY NEED THE AID OF THEIR BROTHER COUNTRIES AND THE EVENTUAL NATURE OF THIS AID, IN RESPECT FOR THEIR AUTONOMY AND THEIR COMMON AGREEMENTS.

"THAT IS WHY WE CONSIDER THAT IT IS UP TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND LEGITIMATE ORGANS, AND ITS COMMUNIST PARTY TO APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT, AND TO EVENTUALLY EXPRESS THE PARTICULARS, CORRECTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS WHICH THEY DEEM NECESSARY AND TO NEGOTIATE THESE FREELY WITH THE FIVE," IT SAID.

THE EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "CAN GOOD COME FROM WRONG" WAS SIGNED BY MARCEL LEVAUX, A POLITBURO MEMBER AND DIRECTOR (EDITOR) OF THE PARTY NEWSPAPER.

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