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QUESTION: "HOW DO YOU JUDGE THE 20TH CPSU CONGRESS IN THE LIGHT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA?"

PAJETTA: "IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE 20TH CONGRESS WAS A MOMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, EVEN DRAMATIC: BUT IT IS EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD BE AN ERROR TO BELIEVE THAT THE 20TH CONGRESS LIES ONLY IN THE SECRET KHRUSHCHEV REPORT....CERTAINLY, THE ESSENTIAL POINT OF THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST FORCES IS EXACTLY THAT OF RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSITY. AS TOGLIATTI UNDERLINED...

"HOWEVER, (WHILE INSISTING ON THE FUNDAMENTAL FACT OF AUTONOMY) WE HAVE NEVER HELD, AS OTHER PARTIES HAVE DONE -- THE RUMANIAN IN PARTICULAR -- THAT IT MUST BE QUASI-THEORIZED THAT EACH (PARTY) IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY."

QUESTION: "WHAT SPECIAL, PARTICULAR, LIES IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK EXPERIENCE? WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR OUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT?"

PAJETTA: "OUR PARTICULAR INTEREST STEMS FROM THE SOCIAL SITUATION, CULTURAL SITUATION, FROM THE PRE-EXISTENCE OF A BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY RELATIVELY ADVANCED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT STEMS, ABOVE ALL, FROM THE FACT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD REACHED SOCIALISM WITH A NOTABLY TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, WITH A WORKING CLASS WHICH WAS CULTURALLY EVOLVED AND WITH MANY AND VARIED INTELLECTUAL GROUPS, WITH AN IMPORTANT MIDDLE CLASS LEVEL. WITHOUT STRETCHING THE ANALOGY IT WAS A COUNTRY WHICH WAS IN A SITUATION CLOSEST, OR LEAST DISTANT, FROM THAT WHICH WE KNOW.

"I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT WE CAN CONSIDER TODAY --EVEN IN THE LIGHT OF AN HISTORIC EVALUATION OR AFTER THE RECENT EVENTS--THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN 1948 WAS THE COUP D'ETAT OF A MINORITY."

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