

ROME, SEPT. 1.- (RFE SPECIAL/WILSON) -- NINETEEN ITALIAN INTELLECTUALS HAVE DRAWN UP AN OPEN LETTER TO CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER M. DUBCEK, SYMPATHIZING WITH HIS COUNTRY AND HIMSELF OVER THE SOVIET INVASION AND CALLING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

LUNITA, THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, PRINTING THE FULL TEXT OF THE OPEN LETTER AND THE NINETEEN SIGNATURES, CALLS FOR ENDORSEMENT BY "ANYONE WISHING TO SIGN."

THESE INTELLECTUALS ARE MAINLY UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS BUT INCLUDE A MUSIC CRITIC, TWO PAINTERS, A PUBLISHER AND A COMPOSER.

THE LETTER STATES:

"DEAR COMRADE DUBCEK:

"WE ITALIAN INTELLECTUALS ... WHO CONSIDER THE SOCIALIST ORDER AS THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE, IF ITS PRINCIPLES ARE ACTIVATED COHERENTLY, OF BRINGING FORTH TRUE DEMOCRACY AND EFFECTIVE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE LIBERATION OF MANKIND, COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, TO THE WHOLE PARTY WHICH YOU LEAD AND TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, OUR ENTIRE SOLIDARITY AND SYMPATHY.

"FROM THE BEGINNING WE GREETED WITH EAGER HOPE AND WE WELCOMED THE SOCIALIST RENEWAL WHICH HAD BEGUN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FROM JANUARY ON, AS A PROCESS WHICH TENDED TO BRING ABOUT CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY INDISPENSIBLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY.

"(WE WELCOMED THE RENEWAL) AS ASSISTING THE COMMUNIST PARTIES AND THE WORKERS WHO STRUGGLED IN THE COUNTRIES OF DEVELOPED CAPITALISM, WHERE THE CONQUEST OF POWER, BY THE WORKER CLASS AND ITS ALLIES, IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL AND DEMANDS THAT SOCIALISM BE BUILT IN THE MOST COMPLETE AND EFFECTIVE DEMOCRACY.

"THIS IS WHY, REPROVING DECISIVELY THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE USSR AND THE OTHER STATES, WE FOLLOWED THE VICISSITUDES OF YOUR PEOPLE, IN THEIR MOST DIFFICULT HOURS, WITH ANGUISH AND DEEP FRIENDSHIP AND WE ADMIRERD THE CIVIC AND POLITICAL MATURITY WHICH THEY SHOWED, CONFIRMING HOW ENROOTED AND IRREVOCABLE IS THEIR CHOICE OF SOCIALISM.

"THE UNITY WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY ACHIEVED IN ITS OWN RANKS, DURING THE MOST DIFFICULT TIMES, THE IMPETUS WITH WHICH THE PEOPLE SUSTAINED THE FIRM AND WISE POLICY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AVERTED EVEN GRAVER CONSEQUENCES, PERMITTING THE RESTORATION TO THEIR DUTIES OF LEADERS FREELY AND IN SOVEREIGNTY, ELECTED.

"WE HOPE THAT THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF ... TROOPS ... WILL PERMIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO REGAIN COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL FREEDOM, TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW, ACCORDING TO ITS OWN WISHES AND THE NECESSARY OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNTRY, THAT PROCESS OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT WHOSE LINES WERE TRACED IN THE ACTION PROGRAM OF MAY.

"WE STAND BESIDE YOU, BESIDE THE WORKER CLASS, THE INTELLECTUALS, THE YOUTH AND THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH ALL OUR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY."

THE OPEN LETTER WAS SIGNED BY PROF. RANUCCIO BIANCHI BANDINELLI, A UNIVERSITY OF ROME SCIENTIST, CESARE BADALONI OF THE FLORENCE UNIVERSITY, OTHER PROFESSORS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES OF PISA, BOLOGNA, CAGLIARI, BOLZANO AND LECCE. OTHER SIGNERS WERE LUIGI NONO, COMPOSER, ENNIO CALABRIA AND ERNESTO TRECCANI, PAINTERS AND ROBERTO BONCHIO, A PUBLISHER.