

X-13 CS ----- GAULLISTS CONDEMN MOSCOW

PARIS SEPT. 5 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) --- THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GAULLIST PARTY LAST NIGHT ATTACKED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA .

THE OCCASION WAS A GATHERING OF THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF THE GAULLIST PARTY. TAKING PART, IN ADDITION TO THE PREMIER, MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE, WAS EX-PREMIER GEORGES POMPIDOU AND EX-PREMIER MICHEL DEBRE, NOW FOREIGN MINISTER.

GAULLIST SECRETARY-GENERAL ROBERT POUJADE, IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, SAID THE BUREAU'S VIEW ON EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE HAD BEEN "UNANIMOUS".

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD PROVOKED "A GRAVE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS". IT REPRESENTED AN IRREFUTABLE DEMONSTRATION THAT THE POLICY OF BLOCS WAS "INCOMPATIBLE WITH RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES, WITH THE DEMAND FOR LIBERTY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL THE PEOPLES AND WITH A VERITABLE INTERNATIONAL EQUILIBRIUM."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID : "BEYOND THE EPHEMERAL ADVANTAGES OF AN ARMED INTERVENTION, THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT RUN THE RISKS OF MORAL, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION ... THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH WOULD BE GRAVE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE".

THE GAULLIST BUREAU SAID THE CHOICE TODAY LAY BETWEEN "THE RETURN TO THE COLD WAR OR THE RETURN TO A POLICY OF DETENTE WHICH CORRESPONDS ... TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLES, WHATEVER THEIR REGIMES MAY BE.

"THE VOCATION OF FRANCE, WHILE ENSURING ITS SECURITY AND ITS INDEPENDENCE, IS TO WORK INDEFATIGABLY AT THIS DETENTE WHILE CONDEMNING WITHOUT RESERVE ... UNDERTAKINGS WHICH CAN PLACE DETENTE IN PERIL".

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