

PARIS, SEPT 5 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS)--- THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY WEEKLY SAID TODAY THE "ATROCIOUS MISTAKE" OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD TO BE CORRECTED WITH THE RECOGNITION OF "TRUE INDEPENDENCE" FOR ALL AND THROUGH "THE NECESSARY CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM".

VETERAN PARTY WRITER ANDRE WURMSER, 69, SAID THE SOVIET INVASION HAD BEEN OPPOSED BY "THE VERY GREAT MAJORITY" OF THE 81 PARTIES WHICH SIGNED THE 1960 DECLARATION. IT HAD VIOLATED THE PRINCIPLES OF THAT DECLARATION AND BROKE THE LAW OF ALL THE WORLDS COMMUNIST PARTIES. IT WAS AN ACT DECIDED BY A FEW PARTIES WHICH HAD SET THEMSELVES UP AS "JUDGES WITHOUT APPEAL". BUT COMMUNISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.

NOVELIST WURMSER IS NOT RPT NOT A MEMBER OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, BUT HIS ARTICLE WAS PROMINENTLY PUBLISHED ACROSS THE TWO CENTER PAGES OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY WEEKLY, FRANCE NOUVELLE, WHOSE DIRECTOR IS FRANCOIS BILLOUX, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

WURMSER SAID: "OUR REPROBATION FOR THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NO RETROACTIVE EFFECT... WE APPROVED THE SOVIET UNION THAT WAS FAITHFUL TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE COMMON TO US AND WE DISAPPROVE AN ACTION WHICH SEEMS TO US TO CONTRADICT THOSE PRINCIPLES..."

"IF WE HAD APPROVED WHAT WE DISAPPROVED, WE WOULD HAVE RENOUNCED OUR PRINCIPLES, AFFIRMED BY OUR CONGRESSES, AFFIRMED IN NOVEMBER 1957 BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES... REAFFIRMED BY THE NOVEMBER 1960 DECLARATION OF THE 81 PARTIES... FINALLY REAFFIRMED BY THE BRATISLAVA ACCORDS."

WURMSER PRAISED SOVIET ACHIEVEMENTS AND SACRIFICES, BUT ADDED "GOOD AND EVIL DO NOT MAKE A COUNTERWEIGHT". IF THE "MARVELOUS METAMORPHOSIS" ACHIEVED BY THE SOVIET UNION WAS TO THE CREDIT OF SOCIALISM, "THE TRAGIC ERRORS" OF A SOCIALIST POWER WERE NOT TO SOCIALISM'S DISCREDIT: "THEY ARE NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SOCIALISM. THEY DEFIGURE IT. PERHAPS THEY UNDERMINE IT..."

THE WRITER REJECTED ANTI-COMMUNIST COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE WARS IN VIETNAM AND ALGERIA. "CAPITALIST LEGALITY", HE SAID, "IS THE CODIFICATION OF EVIL... (BUT) ONE HAS TO VIOLATE SOCIALIST LEGALITY IN ORDER TO HARM THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF A PEOPLE."

WURMSER SAID: "IN TRUTH, THE TRAGIC DECISION OF THIS MONTH OF AUGUST IS AN ERROR NOT ONLY ACCORDING TO OUR OPINION BUT ALSO ACCORDING TO OUR LAW, THE LAW OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF THE WHOLE WORLD."

(MORE) JON/E 1658/68

RF/

HB