

WURMSER QUOTED AGAIN FROM THE 1960 DECLARATION OF THE 81 PARTIES, THIS TIME ITS PASSAGE ON THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN SOCIAL SYSTEM AND THE STATEMENT THAT "SOCIALIST REVOLUTION CANNOT BE IMPORTED OR IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE".

HE SAID: "WITH EVEN GREATER REASON, THE CHOICE OF THIS OR THAT FORM OF SOCIALISM IS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE. WITH EVEN GREATER REASON, ANOTHER FORM OF SOCIALISM MUST NOT BE IMPORTED OR IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE."

WURMSER CONTINUED: "SUPPOSING THE DANGER (IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA) HAD WORSENERED, WHO WAS THE JUDGE OF THE MEANS TO USE AGAINST IT? THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, AIDED AND ADVISED BY ALL THE COMMUNIST PARTIES AND IN THE FIRST PLACE BY THOSE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. BUT AID IS NOT INTERFERENCE AND ADVICE IS NOT INTERVENTION." AGAIN, HE QUOTED THE 1960 DECLARATION IN SUPPORT.

"SUPPOSE AGAIN", HE SAID, THAT IT WAS URGENT TO RUSH TO THE HELP OF SOCIALISM IN DANGER, TO REMEDY THE DEFICIENCY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY, WHO COULD HAVE DECIDED IT? A FRACTION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY, CALLING FOR AID, AS KADAR DID AT A TIME WHEN THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNISTS WERE GETTING THEIR THROATS CUT.

"THAT WAS THE INITIAL JUSTIFICATION OF THE INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. BUT WE HAVE NEVER KNOWN, EVEN ONCE ALL RISK OF REPRISALS WAS REMOVED BY THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS, WHO WERE THE COMRADES WHO WERE SUFFICIENTLY REPRESENTATIVE TO JUSTIFY SUCH A SERIOUS STEP.

"SO WHO TOOK THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERVENTION? NOT THE COMMUNIST PARTIES, SINCE THE FRENCH PARTY, THE ITALIAN PARTY, THE VERY GREAT MAJORITY OF THE 81 PARTIES SIGNATORY TO THE 1960 DECLARATION WERE OPPOSED TO IT, AS WAS THE DECLARATION ITSELF.

"IT WAS NOT THE COMMUNIST PARTIES BUT SOME COMMUNIST PARTIES, TURNING THEMSELVES, ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY, INTO JUDGES WITHOUT APPEAL". AND YET, SAID WURMSER, THE 1960 STATEMENT HAD SAID ALL PARTIES SHOULD STAND BY THE CONCLUSIONS DRAWN UP IN COMMON.

HE SAID THE SOVIET INTERVENTION RISKED OFFERING "AN ADVANCE JUSTIFICATION" TO THE "ANTIREVISIONIST" INTERVENTION WHICH ANOTHER SOCIALIST POWER MAY UNDERTAKE TOMORROW AGAINST A LITTLE COUNTRY".

THE INVASION HAS ALSO "DEALT A SEVERE BLOW TO ALL THE COMMUNIST PARTIES AND TO THE FRIENDSHIP FOR THE SOVIET UNION OF THE ONLY SOCIALIST COUNTRY, APART FROM BULGARIA, WHERE NO ANTI- RUSSIAN SENTIMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY EXISTED...."

WURMSER SAID THAT "MUTUAL TRUST AMONG THE PARTIES WOULD ALSO BE DAMAGED. AT LEAST UNTIL IT WAS REVEALED WHAT "UNKNOWN EVENT OF UNSUSPECTABLE GRAVITY" HAD OCCURRED BETWEEN THE BRATISLAVA ACCORDS AND THE SOVIET INTERVENTION. HE RECALLED THAT "EVEN ELSE TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN THE KARLOVY VARY HANDSHAKES OF ULBRICHT AND DUBCEK AND THE ENTRY OF GERMAN TROOPS INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA".

THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS, WURMSER SAID, HAD NOT UNDERESTIMATED "EITHER THE DANGERS THAT CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALISM WAS RISKING, OR THE DEPLORABLE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD BE PRODUCED BY A MILITARY INTERVENTION THAT WE HAD DISAPPROVED IN ADVANCE. ALL OVER THE WORLD, ONCE AGAIN, COMMUNISTS ARE GOING TO PAY THE PIPER ...

"WHAT IS OUR DUTY, ALL OF US, SOVIETS, CZECHOSLOVAKS, FRENCH ?

"TO CORRECT THIS ATROCIOUS MISTAKE, TO REESTABLISH THE UNITY OF COMMUNISTS, IN THE REAL INDEPENDENCE OF EVERYONE AND BY THE NECESSARY CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM".

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