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LONGO DESCRIBED THE INTERVENTION AS "A TRAGIC ERROR," WITH WHICH HE DISAGREED FOR REASONS OF PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS REASONS OF FACT.

"IN FACT," HE SAID, "WE CONSIDER AS REASONS OF IRRENOUNCABLE PRINCIPLE THE AUTONOMY, THE INDEPENDENCE, THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY STATE, THE AUTONOMY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY COMMUNIST PARTY."

LONGO SAID THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST CONCEPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT HINGED ON RESPECT FOR THIS AUTONOMY AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF "SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY."

"THE ASSERTION, " HE SAID, "THAT IMPERIALISM IS AIMING AT A DIFFERENTIATION AMONG THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND AT A LIBERALIZATION CANNOT RPT NOT HAVE AS A CONSEQUENCE THAT OF ARRIVING AT IDENTIFYING AS CONSCIOUS OR UNCONSCIOUS AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM ALL THOSE WHO...ACT AS SPOKESMAN OF THE NEEDS OF RENEWAL OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY."

TURNING THEN TO IDEAS EXPRESSED TO JUSTIFY THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION , LONGO SAID:

"IT IS OUR IMPRESSION ALSO, THAT AT THE BASIS OF THESE INSTANCES OF THEORIZATION OF THE INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THERE EXISTS AN INCORRECT CONSIDERATION OF THE RELATIONS OF STRENGTH, ALMOST AS IF THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE TODAY A SORT OF BESIEGED FORTRESS. THE REALITY IS INSTEAD DIFFERENT."

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