

X/13 CS -- FRENCH SOCIALISTS ATTACK GAULLIST, COMMUNIST<sup>S</sup> STANDS

PARIS, SEPT 5 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) -- THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY TODAY REAFFIRMED ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ATTACKED THE MOSCOW ACCORDS AND CRITICISED FRENCH COMMUNIST AND GAULLIST ATTITUDES TO THE CRISIS.

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SAID THAT "THE SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION HAS SIMPLY LED, BY INTOLERABLE PRESSURE EXERCIZED ON THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT, TO A SO-CALLED ACCORD WHICH IN FACT IS NOTHING BUT A DIKTAT IMPOSED BY FORCE AND MANIFESTLY CONTRARY TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE QUASI-UNANIMITY OF THE POPULATION CONCERNED."

THE SOCIALIST LEADERSHIP "DEPLORES THE FACT THAT MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY AFTER THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION, THE PRINCIPAL PRE-OCCUPATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS TO SUFFOCATE ALL ATTEMPT AT THE RESTORATION OF ESSENTIAL FREEDOMS IN THE POPULAR DEMOCRACIES."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID IT COULD NOT AGREE WITH THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS THAT THE "PSEUDO-ACCORD OF MOSCOW" WAS "A POSITIVE FACT." THIS FORMULA DEMONSTRATED THAT THE FRENCH PARTY HAD PULLED BACK FROM ITS ORIGINAL REACTIONS.

"IF THIS MEANS THE RETURN TO A PRINCIPLE OF OBEDIENCE TOWARDS THE DECISIONS OF THE KREMLIN, IT WILL PUT AN END TO HOPES FOR THE UNITY OF THE FRENCH LEFT."

THE SOCIALISTS ALSO CRITICIZED THE GAULLISTS. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD FRIGHTENED THE ELECTORATE RECENTLY WITH TALK OF THE DANGERS OF COMMUNISM, THE COMMUNIQUE RECALLED, BUT TODAY, "WITHOUT CONCERN FOR THE FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ITS INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICIES, IT IS SHOWING A SINGULAR INDULGENCE TOWARDS A MILITARY INTERVENTION WHICH IN THE NAME OF COMMUNISM THREATENS THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY."

THE COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY WAS WITHDRAWING ITS MEMBERS FROM THE FRANCO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, BECAUSE "THE SOVIET AGGRESSION... AND THE MOSCOW DIKTAT... MAKE IT ILLUSORY AND INEFFECTIVE AT PRESENT FOR SOCIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ORGANIZATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION."

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