

X/13 CS --- MOLLET CONDEMNS MOSCOW DIKTAT (W/CN 49)

PARIS, SEPT 6 ( RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS)--- FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER GUY MOLLET SAID TODAY THAT THE SOVIETS, BY IMPOSING THE MOSCOW "DIKTAT" ON CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WHO WERE THEIR PRISONERS, HAD GONE FURTHER EVEN THAN HITLER WENT 30 YEARS AGO. THE FORMER PREMIER WAS SPEAKING IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO LUXEMBOURG.

MOLLET SAID: "IT WAS AS PRISONERS, AND OFTEN ILL-TREATED, THAT THE MEN WHO ARE STILL TODAY THE LEADERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE LED TO TAKE PART IN WHAT ONE HAS DARED TO CALL THE ACCORD OF MOSCOW. FOR US, IT IS DIKTAT".

THE SOCIALIST CHIEF SAID "HITLER HIMSELF DID NOT GO SO FAR. HE INVITED HACHA TO COME TO SEE HIM AND HE ONLY INTERVENED MILITARILY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AFTER THREATENING...."

MOLLET OPPOSED THE IDEA THAT THE OCCUPATION BE ENDED ONLY AFTER "NORMALIZATION". NORMALIZATION COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE AFTER A WITHDRAWAL. "HOW CAN ONE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A CHANCE OF NORMALIZATION AS LONG AS SOVIET FORCES AS THERE."

THE SOCIALIST LEADER CHARGED THAT THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS HAD DRAWN BACK FROM THEIR INITIAL CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIETS. IF THEY HAD NOT DRAWN BACK, HE SAID, THEN THEY SHOULD PROVE IT. TO DO THAT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO "SAY THAT THE INITIAL REPROBATION STILL OBTAINS, THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AND THAT NORMALIZATION (IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA) WILL ONLY BE THE RESULT OF THE WITHDRAWAL."

HE ADDED: "THE RESUMPTION OF THE MARCH TOWARDS COMMON ACTION AND UNITY (OF THE FRENCH LEFT) DEPENDS ON THE ATTITUDE THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL TAKE IN THE DAYS TO COME. THAT IS QUITE CERTAIN."