

X/13 C/S - HALF RINASCITA ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

ROME, SEPT. 7 -- (RFE SPECIAL/ROBERTIELLO) -- MORE THAN HALF OF THE LATEST ISSUE OF RINASCITA, THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST WEEKLY, WAS DEVOTED TO MATERIAL RELATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

THE 28-PAGE MAGAZINE, WHICH WENT ON SALE YESTERDAY IN ROME, CARRIED EIGHT PAGES OF ARTICLES OR LETTERS FROM READERS DEALING WITH THE EVENTS IN PRAGUE.

IT REPRINTED ANOTHER EIGHT PAGES OF ITALIAN COMMUNIST DOCUMENTS FROM THE PAST, WHICH IT SAID WERE AGAIN OF CURRENCY BECAUSE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS.

THE FRONTPAGE OF RINASCITA AND PAGE TWO WERE TAKEN UP WITH AN EDITORIAL BY COMMUNIST POLITBURO MEMBER GIORGIO AMENDOLA, WHO DEFENDED HIS PARTY'S STANCE OF "REPROVAL" ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION.

IN THE EDITORIAL HE SAID THAT WORLD COMMUNISM COULD ADVANCE ONLY IF EACH COMMUNIST PARTY WERE ACCORDED FULL AUTONOMY OF ACTION.

ANOTHER ARTICLE DEFENDING THE PARTY'S STANCE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS WRITTEN BY COMMUNIST YOUTH FEDERATION LEADER ACHILLE OCCHETTO.

RINASCITA ALSO PRINTED AN ARTICLE BY FRANCO BERTONE, WHO SAID THE PRAGUE LEADERS' NEW LINE OF ACTION WAS BASED ON ACCEPTING THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS AND MAINTAINING OPEN THE PROSPECTS OF DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT.

THE REPRINTED MATERIAL WAS THE 1956 INTERVIEW OF LATE COMMUNIST LEADER PALMIRO TOGLIATTI IN WHICH HE LAUNCHED THE CONCEPT OF "POLYCENTRISM" AND A 1961 PARTY RESOLUTION COMMENTING THE 22ND CONGRESS OF THE SOVIET PARTY.--

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