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ROME, SEPT. 7 -- (RFE SPECIAL/ROBERTIELLO) -- ITALIAN COMMUNIST POLITBURO MEMBER GIORGIO AMENDOLA HAS SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS FORCEFULLY SHOWED THE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE AUTONOMY OF EACH COMMUNIST PARTY.

AN INTERVIEW IN THE SEPT. 12 ISSUE OF THE ITALIAN NEWS WEEKLY, PANORAMA, ON SALE TODAY IN ROME, QUOTED AMENDOLA AS SAYING:

"I BELIEVE THAT THE DRAMATIC CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS POSES ONCE AGAIN WITH MORE FORCE THAN EVER THE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE MULTIPLICITY OF THE PATHS THAT MUST BE TRAVELLED FOR THE CONQUEST AND CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN RELATION TO THE DIVERSITY OF HISTORY, OF POLITICAL AND CIVIC TRADITIONS, OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...

"THE LATEST NEWS MAKES US BELIEVE THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE 'COMPROMISE' OF MOSCOW, THE DESIRABILITY OF WHICH MAINLY THE COMRADES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CAN JUDGE, THERE CAN BE REACHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS."

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