

X/13 C/S - RINASCITA: PRAGUE ACTION EXTREMELY RESTRICTED

ROME, SEPT. 7 -- (RFE SPECIAL/ROBERTIELLO) -- THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST WEEKLY, RINASCITA, HAS SAID THE PRAGUE LEADERSHIP WAS FACING "A TERRIBLE SITUATION CHARACTERIZED BY EXTREMELY RESTRICTED LIMITS OF POLITICAL ACTION".

IT SAID THE DESIRE TO HALT THE NEW COURSE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SEEMED TO BE AT THE ROOT OF THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN OCCUPATION TROOPS IN THAT COUNTRY.

RINASCITA DESCRIBED THIS MOTIVATION AS "INADMISSIBLE" IN AN ARTICLE IN YESTERDAY'S ISSUE BY FRANCO BERTONE, WHO HAS OFTEN CONTRIBUTED ANALYSES ON PRAGUE TO THE MAGAZINE.

HE SAID THAT BEYOND THE EFFECTS ON PRAGUE THE OCCUPATION MIGHT MARK THE LAUNCHING OF "A PHASE OF "STABILIZATION" OF A NEW TYPE FOR ALL THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST CAMP."

BERTONE SAID THAT THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK OCCUPATION HAD SHOWN THE PRAGUE LEADERS WILL TO KEEP OPEN A "PROSPECT OF SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT" OF THE COUNTRY THAT DID NOT RPT NOT NEGATE THE PREVIOUS ACTION PROGRAM.

"THEY SHOWED, " HE ADDED, "THE COURAGE AND SPIRIT OF DEDICATION WITH WHICH THE LEADERSHIP GROUP FACED A TERRIBLE SITUATION CHARACTERIZED BY EXTREMELY RESTRICTED LIMITS OF POLITICAL ACTION THAT REMAINED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS -- LIMITS, FURTHERMORE, CONSTANTLY EXPOSED TO A FURTHER REDUCTION BY THE POLITICAL OR STRATEGIC NEEDS OF THE OCCUPYING POWERS, WHICH SEEM TO HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL AMPLE RESERVES OF DISCRETIONARY POWER IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PROVISIONS DICTATED AT MOSCOW.

BERTONE CONTINUED:

"THE INSISTENCE ITSELF WITH WHICH EVERYONE WHO WANTS THE CONTINUATION OF THE LEGALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PARTY AND ORGANS OF THE STATE IN THE FULL MEANING OF THE TERM IS CLASSIFIED AS A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY, THE INSISTENCE WITH WHICH IS REJECTED EVERY CONCEPTION OF LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTRY THAT IS NOT RPT NOT BASED ON A CLOSE CONTROL OF THE PARTY AND STATE OVER ALL PUBLIC ACTIVITY, REJECTING ALSO ON THE THEORETICAL LEVEL EVERY ASSERTION OF PLURALISM, SEEM TO CONFIRM THAT PRECISELY THE WILL TO HALT THE 'NEW COURSE' IS AT THE ROOT OF THE PRESENCE OF OCCUPATION TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA....

"IT BECOMES LEGITIMATE TO ASK WHETHER THE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA COULD NOT RPT NOT ALSO BE AN EXPRESSION... OF THE LAUNCHING OF A PHASE OF 'STABILIZATION' OF A NEW TYPE FOR ALL THE EUROPEAN SOCIALIST CAMP--A 'STABILIZATION' THAT COULD ALSO CONSTITUTE THE POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DYNAMIC ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION."

BERTONE SAID THAT THE SOVIET ACTION WITH RESPECT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA COST WORLD COMMUNISM A VERY HIGH PRICE IN TERMS OF UNITY AND PRESTIGE.

"THIS RENDERS COMPLETELY INCONSISTENT, " HE ADDED, "THE PROSPECT OF A STABILIZATION ACHIEVED WHILE IGNORING THE PRINCIPLES OF AUTONOMY, NON-INTERFERENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH PARTY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT WORKED OUT IN THE RECENT YEARS OF ITS GREAT DEVELOPMENT.

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