

AMENDOLA BEGAN HIS 1,700-WORD ARTICLE BY SAYING THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S POSITION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD BEEN CRITICIZED AS A WEAKENING OF ITS COMMITMENT TO PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.

AFTER REVIEWING THE PAST ACTIONS IN WORLD POLITICS OF WHAT HE CALLED THE IMPERIALIST FORCES, AND SAYING THAT THE AREA OF SUCCESS OF THESE FORCES WAS BECOMING MORE LIMITED, HE CONTINUED:

"THERE EXIST THE CONDITIONS FOR A NEW GENERAL ADVANCE OF SOCIALISM IN THE WORLD AND FOR AN ADVANCE TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE HEART ITSELF OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES."

AMENDOLA SAID THAT THE "ALIGNMENT OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES" WAS GROWING, AND THAT CAPITALISM WAS EXPERIENCING A GENERAL CRISIS.

"THE CONTRIBUTION OF ALL THESE (ANTI-IMPERIALIST) FORCES," HE ADDED, "IS INDISPENSABLE TO ASSURE THE DEFEAT OF IMPERIALISM.

"BUT THE VASTNESS OF THE WORLD CAMP OF STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM, THE EXISTENCE OF DIFFERENT SITUATIONS IN FACT, AND THE MATURATION OF CONTRADICTIONS ALSO WITHIN SOCIALISM RENDER HARMFUL EVERY ATTEMPT TO GIVE TO THIS MOVEMENT -- POWERFUL BECAUSE IT IS VARIED -- A POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL UNIFORMITY AND A SINGLE LEADING CENTER."

AMENDOLA SAID THAT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT A MATTER OF COUNTERPOSING OTHER LEADING CENTERS LIKE CUBA OR CHINA TO THE TRADITIONAL SOVIET LEADING CENTER OF WORLD COMMUNISM.

"INSTEAD," HE ADDED, "IT IS A MATTER OF ADMITTING TRULY THE VALUE OF THE MULTIPLICITY OF EXPERIENCES AND THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING, BY MOVING FROM DIFFERENT POSITIONS, A CONCRETE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GIVEN OBJECTIVES, AS WAS SHOWN BY THE SOLIDARITY EXPRESSED FOR VIETNAM.

AMENDOLA SAID THAT THIS VIEWPOINT SHOWED THE VALUE OF THE POSITION OF POLYCENTRISM ENUNCIATED BY THE LATE ITALIAN COMMUNIST LEADER PALMIRO TOGLIATTI IN 1956 AND REAFFIRMED AS "UNITY IN DIVERSITY" IN HIS YALTA MEMORANDUM OF 1964.

"IT IS A MATTER," AMENDOLA SAID, "OF INDICATING GIVEN GENERAL STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND LEAVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS CHOICE OF THE PARTICIPATING FORCES NOT RPT NOT ONLY THE ELABORATION OF POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL ARGUMENTATION OR THE SEARCH FOR FORMS OF ORGANIZATION AND STRUGGLE, BUT THE AUTONOMOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF TRACING OUT THE PATHS OF ACCESS TO SOCIALISM THAT CORRESPOND TO THE CONCRETNESS OF THE NATIONAL CONDITIONS AND DIFFERENT HISTORICAL MOMENT AS WELL AS, PARTICULARLY, THE ORIGINAL FORMS OF CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM.

"EVERY CLAIM TO THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE ON SO AMPLE A WORLD MOVEMENT, AND ONE ALREADY SO DIVIDED BY DIVERGENCIES THAT ARE NOT RPT NOT ONLY POLITICAL BUT ALSO ON THE STATE LEVEL, A UNIFORMITY OF IDEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF MARXISM-LENINISM, IN A VERSION PRESENTED AS ORTHODOX, CAN ONLY AGGRAVATE THE CURRENT SCHISMS INCREASE DIVISIONS, RENDER MORE ACUTE THE DANGERS OF DIVERGENCIES ALSO AMONG THE SOCIALIST STATES."

AMENDOLA SAID THAT EACH REVOLUTIONARY FORCE COULD EXPRESS ALL OF ITS LATENT POSSIBILITIES ONLY IF ITS "ABSOLUTE AUTONOMY" IS RESPECTED AND ITS CAPACITY TO MAKE ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF ITS OWN EXPERIENCE IS ENCOURAGED.

"WHAT IS ESSENTIAL," HE SAID, "IS THIS: TO ACHIEVE THE UNITY OF DIFFERENT AND AUTONOMOUS REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, THERE MUST BE SOUGHT THAT WHICH IS COMMON TO THEM IN THE ROOTS OF THE STRUGGLE AND ITS OBJECTIVES."

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