

AMENDOLA SAID THAT HS PARTY'S CONCEPTION OF INTERNATIONALISM WAS FOUNDED ON RESPECT FOR THE AUTONOMY OF EACH COUNTRY AND EACH PARTY, RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

AMENDOLA CONCLUDED HIS ARTICLE BY SAYING:

"THE POSITION ASSUMED BY THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE FACE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS IS, THEREFORE, AN EXPRESSION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONALISM.

"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WE WILL REACH OUR OBJECTIVE -- WHICH IS THAT OF MAKING OF ITALY A SOCIALIST COUNTRY -- ONLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A GENERAL ADVANCE IN THE WORLD OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE, IN FAVOR OF A NEW SYSTEM OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE THAT MUST ASSURE THE FULL INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY.

"BUT IN ORDER THAT THIS ADVANCE COMES ABOUT AND THAT THE CURRENT CRISIS OF IMPERIALISM CAN TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO A GENERAL DEFEAT, IT IS NECESSARY TO AFFIRM A NEW CONCEPTION OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND OF THE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE WORKERS AND SOCIALIST FORCES.

"ONE CANNOT RPT NOT DELEGATE TO A SINGLE SIDE THE AUTHORIZED INTERPRETATION OF MARXISM-LENINISM, AND NOT RPT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ERRORS THAT THIS INTERPRETER COULD MAKE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE SUCH A DELEGATION (OF INTERPRETATION) WOULD ENCOURAGE IN ALL THE OTHER FORCES INTELLECTUAL LAZINESS, BUREAUCRATIC CONFORMISM, THE RENUNCIATION OF THAT ORIGINAL CREATIVE RESEARCH THAT REQUIRES THE POSSIBILITY OF DISSENT AND AUTONOMOUS ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY."

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