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SOVIET CRITICISM OF ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

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1. PRAVDA ON 24 JANUARY CARRIED A LONG UNSIGNED ATTACK ON THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) ENTITLED "CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND SOCPALISM". IT CONSTITUTES A MAJOR STATEMENT OF PARTY POLICY AND MUST REFLECT AN ASSESSMENT THAT THE RIGHT HAS GONE BEYOND ANY POSSIBILITY OF HEALING. THE ARTICLE BEGAN BY REFERRING TO THE PCI'S DECEMBER DECLARATIONS AND JANUARY PLENUM RESOLUTIONS, WHICH HAD CONTAINED A "PLALFORM OPPOSED ON ALL THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES TO THE POLICIES OF THE CPSU, THE SOVIET UNION, THE SOCIALISIT COMMONWEALTH AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNIST AND THE ENTIRE LIBERATION MOVEMENT".
2. PRAVDA CRITICISED THE PCI FOR DENYING THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENCE OF PEACE, FOR CLAIMING THAT SOVIET AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICIES WERE IN ESSENCE NO DIFFERENT AND FOR SPEAKING OF THE SOVIET UNION'S "HEGEMONISTIC AMBITIONS". THIS ADDED UP TO A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND AN ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN THE MAIN FORCE IN THIS STRUGGLE, THE INFLUENCE OF THE COUNTRIES OF VICTORIOUS SOCIALISM.
3. EQUALLY HARMFUL WAS THE PCI'S POSITION ON "REAL SOCIALISM", AS PRACTISED IN THE USSR. THE PCI HAD SPOKEN OF THE DEFICIENCIES OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PCI HAD ATTEMPTED TO DENIGRATE THE GREAT HIST ORICAL AND VICTORIOUS ROUTE TAKEN BY THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND PARTY, AND HAD EVEN DECLARED MARXISM-LENINISM TO HAVE OUTLIVED ITS TIME.
4. AFTER A LENGTHY DESCRIPTION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF "REAL SOCIALISM", PRAVDA SUMMED UP THE PCI POSITION AS CONSTITUTING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO IMPERIALISM (WHICH SOUGHT THE DESTRUCTION LOF SOCIALISM), TO ANTI-COMMUNISM AND ALL THE FORCES HOSTILE TO SOCIAL PROGRESS. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED WITH AN APPEAW TO THE ITALIAN WORKING CLASS, WHOSE MOST RELIABLE SUPPORTER WAS THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH.
5. THE ARTICLE BRIEFLY MENTIONED POLAND TWICE: FIRSTLY AS THE PRETEXT FOR THE RECENT EXPOSITION OF THE PCI'S POSITION, AND SECONDLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATURE OF " REAL SOCIALISM" AND SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. THE PCI LEADERSHIP'S SYMPATHY FOR THE RIGHT

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WING EXTREMISTS IN SOLIDARITY HAD SHOWN THAT FOR THEM DEMOCRACY WAS NOT THE PARTICIPATION OF WORKERS IN RUNNING A SOCIALIST SOCIETY BUT FREEDOM FOR THOSE WHO WERE TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM.

6. COMMENT AND FULL TEXT FOLLOW BY BAG.

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