

Togliatti Defends Kadar Government

Palmiro Togliatti, secretary of the Italian Communist Party, has declared that the second Soviet military intervention in Hungary was dictated by a "necessity, if a hard one."

In a speech at Bologna on Sunday, Togliatti defended the present Hungarian government headed by Janos Kadar against criticism by Left Wing Socialist Party leader Pietro Nenni.

Togliatti said that the original use of Soviet troops in Hungary "should have been avoided." However, he added, the situation changed. "At a certain moment," he went on, "the Party disintegrated, and in the chaos the reactionary forces that are hostile to the popular regime infiltrated."

Referring to Tito's Nov. 15 speech at Pula, Togliatti said: "There are some points where our judgment agrees with that of the Marshal while with regard to other ones, our appraisal is more prudent and moderate."

Togliatti declared that the Hungarian events "represent, for Communists, something serious, painful and bitter" but, he added, they should not lead to "catastrophic consequences."

Criticism of the Kadar government appearing in the Left Socialist paper *Avanti*, Togliatti said, were "unjust, ungenerous and erroneous." The Hungarian premier and his collaborators, Togliatti explained, were trying to "save a difficult situation brought about not altogether by their fault."

Togliatti chided Nenni because the Left Wing Socialists voted in the town council of Ferrara with Right Wing groups in passing a resolutions condemning Soviet actions in Hungary.

In London, a number of leading Communist trade unionists reaffirmed their faith in the British Communist Party. Arthur Horner, general secretary of the Mine Workers Union, said: "I have no intention of resigning because of the events in Hungary, which I deplore. I also deplore the events in Egypt."

Abe Moffat, Scottish area president of the Mine Workers union, said:

"The present complicated and grave international situation is a severe testing time for Communists



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and Socialists. But one thing we must all understand: whatever our mistakes, our fundamental principles remain as strong as ever. The developing struggle will prove to all the need for a Communist Party to conduct an all-out struggle against the Tories and for our final efforts to establish socialism."

Similar strong statements supporting their CP membership were made by Claude Berridge, of the Amalgamated Engineering Union; Joe Scott, of the same union, and Frank Foulkes, president of the Electrical Trades Union.

Several other resignations from the CP were also reported by the *London Daily Worker*, including Les Cannon, educational director of the electrical union, and Jack Grahl, assistant general secretary of the Fire Brigade Union.