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PCI SEMINAR ON PROBLEMS OF SOVIET HISTORY

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1. THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) HAS NOW CONCLUDED A
THREE DAY SEMINAR ON THE SUBJECT OF "PROBLEMS OF THE HISTORY
OF THE USSR." ACCORDING TO AN EMBASSY SOURCE WHO ATTENDED
ALL THE SESSIONS, THE SEMINAR INDICATED THE EXISTENCE
OF A GULF BETWEEN THE PCI LEADERSHIP AND THE PARTY'S
INTELLECTUALS IN EVALUATING THE HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF
THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOURCE SAID THAT CRITICISM OF
SOVIET SOCIETY WAS MOST PRONOUNCED AMONG THE YOUNGER PCI
INTELLECTUALS PRESENT.
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2. OUR SOURCE STATED THAT CRITICISM OF THE USSR'S HISTORICAL
DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOUR MAJOR PAPERS DELIVERED AT THE
SEMINAR (COPIES ARE BEING POUCHEO TO INR/RSE/SE) CENTERED
ON THE ABSENCE OF DEMOCRATIC SAFEGUARDS IN THE CREATION

OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY AND ON THE FAILURE OF THE PRESENT
SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO COMPLETE THE DE-STALINIZATION PROCESS
BEGUN AT THE 20TH PARTY CONGRESS. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS

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ASKED WHY "THE PROCESS BEGUN BY THE OCTOBER
REVOLUTION, IMBUED AT THE BEGINNING BY AN ENORMOUS
EMANCIPATING IMPULSE, LATER ACQUIRED CHARACTERISTICS OFTEN
FAR FROM ITS THEORETICAL PREMISES." ANOTHER SPEAKER
DEFINED IT AS "COMPLETELY JUSTIFIABLE, EVEN INEVITABLE,
TO RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS IN THE FACE OF EVIDENT DIFFICULTIES THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS ENCOUNTERING
IN EXITING
FULLY FROM THE PERIOD OF STALIN."

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, SECRETARIAT MEMBER GIANCARLO
PAJETTA AND DIRECTORATE MEMBER ALDO TORTORELLA ENTERED
INTO THE DISCUSSION WITH SPEECHES WHICH APPEARED DESIGNED
TO DEMONSTRATE THE PCI LEADERSHIP'S CONCERN THAT CRITICISM
OF THE USSR NOT GO TOO FAR. TORTORELLA WARNED HIS AUDIENCE
"NOT TO REDUCE THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST REALITY TO
A GULAG." THIS IS AN IMPOSTATION "WHICH DEPARTS FROM
POLITICAL PREMISES AND LEADS TO POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES,
WITH DANGERS OF RETURNING TO THE COLDWAR, SOMETHING OF
WHICH WE ALL OUGHT TO BE AWARE." GARDNER

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