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havana, feb 13, reuter -- while speeches emphasised the dangers of war coming from washington and the economic plight of workers of capitalist nations, the polish crisis erupted as a poignant issue into the tenth congress of the world federation of trade unions (wftu) which has been meeting here this week.

over nine hundred delegates from 152 nations have been gathering at havana's palace of conventions under the theme: +trade unions and the challenges of the 1980's+.

the wftu was founded in paris in 1945 as a result of the unified efforts of british, u.s., french, soviet and other trade union movements. with the advent of the cold war in the late forties, many +western+ trade union movements left the wftu in order to join the newly created international confederation of free trade unions (icftu).

in his inaugural address to the congress, cuban president fidel castro said that events in poland +were unquestionably the results of serious errors committed in the process of building socialism and the action of the imperialist enemy.+
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speakers who broached the subject of the polish crisis used formulations which, as one delegate said, +could not be used as ammunition by the enemy.+

in his paragraph on the polish crisis, castro accused the reagan administration of being +anti-popular and anti-labour+ and charged that it was +promoting the most vulgar propaganda and presenting itself as a defender of the interests of the workers and the people of poland.+

a +critical but fraternal+ report was read by henry krusucki, assistant general-secretary of the powerful french cgt.

krusucki condemned the +harshness and violence of the campaign against the socialist nations,+ which, he said, +play a decisive role and must be strong.+ he then called for +an open discussion of the roots of shortcomings in socialist nations.+

+the decisive problem of socialist countries at this stage,+ krusucki said, +is that of socialist democracy, and the role of the trade union movement is part of that.+
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+we all speak of renewal and adaptation,+ he said, +but things have not changed.+ he likened the past pronouncements of the wftu to the choir of an opera sing +march,march,march+ while remaining in one spot.

the french delegate, who is slated to become the general-secretary of the cgt next june, affirmed that the wftu's position on the polish crisis +has not helped poland or the wftu in our country.+

+we have rejected enormous pressures which have attempted to condemn the measures of exception taken in poland,+ he said, +but we cannot subscribe to the inverse position...+.

krusucki said also that the wftu should +open the door to the trade union movement of china.+

the french delegate criticised +with the sincerity of a brother, the politics and style of leadership of the wftu.+ +many do not consider the wftu to be an independent trade union center and as long as we don't adopt a consistent position, this organisation will not be able to grow.+
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the main report of the president of the wftu, the hungarian labour leader, sandor gaspar, led an american trade union observer to remark, +new winds are blowing through the wftu.+

+trade union's in a socialist society,+ gaspar said, +cannot operate on a made-to-order basis.+ +they must never become simple instruments of any given government or party policy,+ he added.

+trade unions are autonomous organisation and must remain so even after the victory of the socialist revolution,+ he said. although he never mentioned poland or +solidarity+, it was clear that gaspar's remarks had clear application to the polish crisis as well as the role of trade unions in other socialist nations.

the wftu president said that +not only domestic and foreign reaction caused troubles and conflicts in socialist nation.+ +they can also be caused,+ he said, by serious mistakes made by leaders of a given country.+

gaspar called for +lively workplace democracy+ and said that under socialism +trade unions should have their own individual opinions and they should dare, institutionally, to doubt the views of state bodies.+

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in a formulation, which one veteran trade unionist characterised as +unique for a wftu congress+, gaspar said: +the trade unions should protect the working class against the bureaucratic off-shoots of its own state.+ he added that +at the same time, they must protect the workers states from the disorganised, instinctive and illusory demands of workers and against any latent, hostile attacks.+

+if trade unions in a socialist society fail to become a serious social factor, the wftu president declared, +and if they are condemned to simply serving an existing conception and do not have any possibility of shaping policy, then socialism will be seriously endangered.+

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