

X/13 CURT - UNITA PRINTS RUDE PRAVO APPEAL

ROME, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST) - ITALYS COMMUNIST DAILY, UNITA, TODAY PRINTED WHAT IT SAID WAS AN APPEAL OF RUDE PRAVO TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

UNITA'S ACCOUNT OF CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS WAS AS FOLLOWS (FULL TEXT):

"RUDE PRAVO PUBLISHES THIS MORNING THE FOLLOWING APPEAL: TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

"YESTERDAY 20 AUGUST 1968, ABOUT 2300 HOURS, MILITARY UNITS OF THE SOVIET UNION, OF THE POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC, OF THE GERMAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC, AND OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC, PASSED THE BORDERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

"THIS HAPPENED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY NOT RPT NOT TO MENTION THE RESPECTIVE ASSEMBLIES. IN THAT MOMENT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WAS IN A MEETING, WHICH WAS DEALING WITH THE PREPARATION FOR THE 14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

"THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY EXHORTS ALL CITIZENS OF OUR REPUBLIC TO MAINTAIN CALM AND TO NOT RPT NOT OPPOSE THE ADVANCE OF THE MILITARY UNITS. FOR THIS REASON OUR ARMY, POLICE FORCES AND THE PEOPLES MILITIAS HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY ORDER FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY. X

"THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CONSIDERS THIS ACTION NOT RPT NOT ONLY IN CONTRAST WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES BUT ALSO AS THE NEGATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

"ALL THE LEADERS OF THE STATE, OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND OF THE NATIONAL FRONT REMAIN IN THEIR FUNCTIONS TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO CZECHOSLOVAK LAWS AND OTHER VALID NORMS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

"THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE IMMEDIATELY CONVENED THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY. . THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY IS CONVOKING THE PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED."

UNITA COMMENTED:

"THE DRAMATIC NEWS THAT REACHED US FROM PRAGUE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING AROUSES EMOTION AND PROFOUND CONCERN IN THE ITALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' MOVEMENT.

"THE COMRADES OF THE DIRECTORATE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH THE AIM OF EVALUATING THE SITUATION."

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