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THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIPS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE SHOWN PREVIOUS SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS REFORMS, MET IN EMERGENCY SESSIONS IN ROME AND PARIS TODAY, BUT DECLINED IMMEDIATE COMMENT.

IN FRANCE, A COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKESMAN SAID: "FOR THE MOMENT WE HAVE NOTHING TO SAY. THERE MAY BE A COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE MORNING, BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL."

IN ITALY, THE COMMUNIST PARTY DIRECTORATE MET UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, PIETRO INGRAO, IN THE ABSENCE OF PARTY LEADER LUIGI LONGO, WHO IS OUT OF ROME. IT TOO SAID A COMMUNIQUE MIGHT BE ISSUED LATER, BUT DECLINED TO MAKE A FIRM PROMISE.

IN THE HAGUE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN WAARHEID (TRUTH) SAID: "WE REJECT ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

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