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COMMUNIST UNION: INTERVENTION "INADMISSIBLE"

ROME, AUG. 21.--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST).-- THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CGIL) DEFINED TODAY AS "INADMISSIBLE" THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAYING IT RISKS REINFORCING THE THE ANTI-SOCIALIST MINORITY.

"THE INADMISSIBLE MILITARY INTERVENTION, OBJECTIVELY DIRECTED AT SUPPORTING THE OLD BUREAUCRACY, CANNOT BUT PUT THE BRAKES ON THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORCES DEVOTED TO SEEKING A GENUINE REINFORCEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN DEMOCRACY, AND RISKS REINFORCING INSIDE THAT COUNTRY THE ANTI-SOCIALIST MINORITY, AND MORE IN GENERAL FAVORS PROVOCATORY ATTITUDES OF IMPERIALIST FORCES," THE CGIL COMMUNIQUE SAID.

VIENNA CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION

VIENNA, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH)-- THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION IN VIENNA HAS TOLD THE AUSTRIAN RADIO STATION THAT DESPITE REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, THE FOREIGN TROOP INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS NOT THE RESULT OF A REQUEST BY THE LEGAL CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HIS REPORT WAS BASED ON A STATEMENT BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY IN PRAGUE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN HIS COUNTRY WERE TAKING PLACE AGAINST THE WILL OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

THE AUSTRIAN RADIO STATION BROADCAST THE CZECHOSLOVAK ANNOUNCEMENT IN ITS LAST (1100 HOURS) NEWSCAST.

LOMBARDI INDIGNANT

ROME, AUG. 21.--(RFE SPECIAL/WILSON).-- LEFT-WING SOCIALIST LEADER RICCARDO LOMBARDI, WHO HAS LONG PRESSED FOR A POPULAR FRONT COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT IN ITALY, TODAY SAID HE WAS INDIGNANT OVER THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"I AM SURPRISED AND INDIGNANT. I THOUGHT THAT SUCH A THING COULD NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN. I THOUGHT THAT IT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT AND COULD NOT RPT NOT HAPPEN. I WAS IN PRAGUE ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO AND NOTHING RPT NOTHING LED ME TO BELIEVE IN ANY SUCH THING."

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