

ITALY SOCIALIST LABOR LEADER DEPLORES CSSR

ROME, AUG. 21--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)---ITALIAN LABOR LEADER, ITALO VIGLIANESI, SPEAKING FOR THE SOCIALIST -DOMINATED ITALIAN LABORERS' UNION, (UIL) SAID TODAY THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FILLED ITALIAN WORKERS WITH DISDAIN. "THE SUDDEN AGGRESSION PERPETRATED TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS DIRECT ALLIES FILLS ITALIAN WORKERS AND ALL THE CIVILIZED WORLD WITH DISDAIN," HE SAID. "ONE HAD BELIEVED ... THAT THE CRIME OF BUDAPEST WOULD NOT BE REPEATED," HE ADDED.

ITALY HOLDING UP NUCLEAR TREATY SIGNING

ROME, AUG. 21.--(RFE SPECIAL/WILSON).-- ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI TODAY STATED THAT A "PAUSE FOR REFLECTION" WAS NEEDED BEFORE HIS COUNTRY WOULD SIGN THE TREATY AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS

"EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA" SAID MEDICI, "AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY OCCURRED, IMPOSE AT LEAST A PAUSE FOR REFLECTION CONCERNING THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION."

THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO HAD DEFENDED ITALIAN ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY IN PARLIAMENT A FEW WEEKS AGO, REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER ITALY MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM THE TREATY OR TO COMMENT FURTHER.

BRITISH PARTY TO ISSUE STATEMENT LATER

LONDON AUGUST 21--(RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)--THE BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY IS TO ISSUE A STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION, A SPOKESMAN TOLD RFE TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PARTY POLITICAL COMMITTEE WAS DISCUSSING THE "EVENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE" AND HE EXPECTED THE STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS TODAY.

THE BRITISH PARTY LAST MONTH DECLARED ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY ARMED INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WELCOMED THE REFORMS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY IN PRAGUE.

ANGLICAN BISHOPS PRAY FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON AGUST 21--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)-- PRAYERS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE SAID HERE TODAY BEFORE THE OPENING OF TODAY'S SESSION OF THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS OF THE ANGLICAN FAITH FROM THROGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, DR. MICHAEL RAMSEY, PRIMATE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, ASKED THE BISHOPS "TO PRAY FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN HER CALAMITY AND FOR PEACE IN EASTERN EUROPE."