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ROME, AUG. 21 .-(RFE SPECIAL).- THE VATICAN'S SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGAN, OSSERVATORE ROMANO, IN A COMMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT "FREEDOM AND THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DECISION BE NOT OPPRESSED ANOTHER TIME."

THE PAPER SAID:

"THE WORD OF THE POPE (DURING HIS AUDIENCE TODAY) NEEDS NO COMMENT.

"BEFORE SITUATIONS NOT YET CLEAR IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS, THE SPONTANEOUS AND SINCERE WISH IS THAT THE SENTIMENT OF FREEDOM AND THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DECISION -- ALIVE IN THE CONSCIENCE OF MEN AS A NATURAL HERITAGE, INALIENABLE TO ALL -- BE NOT OPPRESSED ANOTHER TIME: MATERIALLY IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, MORALLY IN THOSE, IN THE HOURS WE ARE LIVING, WHO FOLLOW THE EVENTS WITH ANXIETY.

"THIS IS THE CONDITION SO THAT HOPE CAN SUBSIST: HOPE, VITAL ROOT OF EVERY RESPONSIBLE, INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL ACTION,. PATH TO OPERANT CONCORD AMONG PEOPLES AND NATIONS.

"IN THIS SENSE, IN UNION WITH PAUL VI, THE PRAYERS OF CHRISTIANS RISE TO GOD."

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