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THE STATEMENT SAID THE FRENCH PARTY HAD ALREADY SAID THAT IT CONSIDERED THAT PROBLEMS ARISING BETWEEN COMMUNIST PARTIES SHOULD BE STUDIED AND SOLVED THROUGH FRATERNAL DISCUSSIONS AND BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MEETINGS.

THE POLITBURO OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY MET IN ROME AND ANNOUNCED ITS SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT AND FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET ACTION.

BUT THE POLITBURO LEFT FINAL ASSESSMENT TO A FUTURE MEETING OF THE PARTY'S FULL DIRECTORATE. PARTY LEADER LUIGI LONGO WAS REPORTED ON HIS WAY HOME FROM A HOLIDAY IN MOSCOW.

THE AUSTRIAN AND SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTIES EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE INVASION. AUSTRIAN PARTY LEADER FRANZ MUHRI SAID THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR IT. HE ADDED THAT HIS PARTY COMPLETELY SUPPORTED THE CZECHOSLOVAKS.

MUHRI ALSO SAID THAT A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE AUSTRIAN PARTY WOULD BE HELD TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

SWEDISH PARTY LEADER CALR-HENRIK HERMANSSON SAID THE CZECH-OSLOVAKS HAD THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS.

A STATEMENT ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION IS EXPECTED LATER TODAY FROM THE BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY.

IN SYDNEY, THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY STRONGLY PROTESTED THE INVASION AND DEMANDED IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS.

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