

AFP SENDS SOLIDARY MESSAGE TO CTK

PARIS, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP)-- THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE JOURNALISTS WORKING WITH THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY FRANCE-PRESSE, HAVE

SENT

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE JOURNALISTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CTK NEWS AGENCY:

"THE AFP JOURNALISTS SEND THEIR FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THE JOURNALISTS OF THE CTKA, EXPRESSING THEIR SYMPATHY AND THEIR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY AND THE COURAGE OF THE JOURNALISTS BELONGING TO THIS AGENCY UNDER PARTICULARLY GRAVE CIRCUMSTANCES."

UNITA PUTS OUT SPECIAL EDITION

ROME, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)-- ITALY'S COMMUNIST DAILY, UNITA THIS AFTERNOON PUT OUT AN EXTRA EDITION OF THE PAPER, HEADLINING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE "GRAVE DISSENT" OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

"CZECHOSLOVAKIA OCCUPIED", SAID ITS BANNER HEAD, AND SUB-HEAD "THE POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY EXPRESSES ITS GRAVE DISSENT."

FOLLOWING WAS THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY POLITICAL OFFICE WHICH PRESSED "SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT" AND FAILURE TO "UNDERSTAND" THE SOVIET MILITARY INTERVENTION.

THE PAPER ALSO CARRIED THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CGIL) WHICH ALSO CRITICIZED THE SOVIET ACTION.

POLISH TELEVISION REPORTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BERLIN, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF) -- IN ITS FIRST NEWSCAST AT 1655 MT TODAY POLISH TELEVISION MADE THE FIRST MENTION OF THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN THE SHORT NEWSCAST, POLISH TELEVISION CARRIED A SHORTENED VERSION OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN THE SAME NEWSCAST POLISH TELEVISION BRIEFLY MENTIONED THAT A NEW RADIO STATION, MOLDAU, WAS OPERATING FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DANISH YOUTH TURN BACKS ON SOVIET PARLEY

COPEHAGEN, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/THOMSON)-- THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DANISH FEDERAL YOUTH COUNCIL, REPRESENTING ALL POLITICAL YOUTH MOVEMENTS, HAS DECIDED IN VIEW OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION NOT TO SEND A DELEGATION TO RUSSIA NEXT MONTH.

THE YOUTH COUNCIL SAID IT IS CANCELLING ITS PREVIOUS ACCEPTANCE OF A SOVIET INVITATION "BECAUSE OF THE MILITARY INTERVENTION." A COPY OF THE LETTER SENT TO THE SOVIET YOUTH COUNCIL WAS ALSO SENT TO THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY IN DENMARK.

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