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ITALIAN SOCIALISTS CONDEMN SOVIETS

ROME, AUG. 22.--(RFE SPECIAL/ROBERTIELLO).--THE ITALIAN UNIFIED SOCIALIST PARTY HAS SAID IT "CONDEMNS IN A FIRM AND CLEARCUT MANNER" THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN A RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ITS DIRECTORATE YESTERDAY IN ROME, THE PARTY WENT ON TO SAY:

"THIS INVASION FINDS NO RPT NO JUSTIFICATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND CONTRIBUTES TO WORSENING IT.

"IT REPRESENTS AN ACT OF OPEN VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLES.

"IT CONFLICTS WITH THE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO BUILD IN AUTONOMOUS WAYS ITS OWN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORDER...."

THE RESOLUTION SAID THAT "THIS NEW TRAGEDY" WAS THE "EXPRESSION OF THE PERSISTENCE OF AN AUTHORITARIAN LOGIC OF THE SYSTEM."

THE 200-WORD DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS PRINTED TODAY BY THE OFFICIAL UNIFIED SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER, AVANTI, ENDED BY SAYING "ALL MILITANTS AND ALL WORKERS" MUST DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

UNITA COVERS CSSR EVENTS

ROME, AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST) -- ITALY'S COMMUNIST DAILY, L'UNITA, GAVE AMPLE COVERAGE TODAY TO THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REPORTING ALSO REACTION FROM ALL EAST EUROPEAN CENTERS.

THE PAPER DEVOTED ONE COLUMN ON PAGE ONE AND ALMOST THE ENTIRE BACK PAGE -- ABOUT 6,000 WORDS -- TO A DISPATCH FROM PRAGUE DESCRIBING WITHOUT COMMENT THE EVENTS OF YESTERDAY. A SEPARATE ITEM FROM PRAGUE ARRIVING EARLY THIS MORNING ANNOUNCED THAT THE CETEKA PRESS AGENCY HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE SOVIETS. FOR THIS ITEM, UNITA QUOTED ANSA WHICH IN TURN QUOTED CETEKA ITSELF.

INSIDE PAGES WERE TAKEN UP WITH REACTION FROM BUCHAREST, BELGRADE, MOSCOW, AND WARSAW WHICH -- WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOSCOW -- UNITA REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

IT ALSO INCLUDED REACTION FROM WESTERN CAPITALS.

ON THE FRONT PAGE, UNITA PRINTED THE DISAPPROVING APPRAISAL OF ITS POLITICAL OFFICE AND THE EVEN MORE CRITICAL STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS.

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