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LONDON, AUGUST 23 (RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)--THE GOVERNING BRITISH LABOUR PARTY IS TO HOLD A MASS RALLY IN SUPPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN LONDONS HYDE PARK ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

FULL APPROVAL FOR THE RALLY WAS GIVEN BY THE CABINET YESTERDAY WHEN IT MET UNDER PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON FOR A TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION ALMOST COMPLETELY TAKEN UP BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS AND CABINET MINISTER RICHARD CROSSMAN IS TO ADDRESS THE RALLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE GEORGE BROWN, THE PARTYS DEPUTY LEADER AND FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY, JENNIE LEE, THE PARTY CHAIRMAN AND TRADE UNION AND COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT LEADERS.

THE RALLY WILL BE HELD ON THE EVE OF THE SPECIAL DEBATE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH A HURRIEDLY RECALLED HOUSE OF COMMONS IS TO HOLD ON MONDAY.

THE DEBATE WILL BE OPENED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND CONCLUDED BY FOREIGN SECREARY MICHAL STEWART, WITH MAJOR SPEECHES BY OPPOSITION CONSERVATIVE LEADER EDWARD HEATH, FORMER CONSERVATIVE PRIME MINISTER SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME AND MINORITY LIBERAL PARTY LEADER JEREMY THORPE.

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