

Q/S - SHORTER ITEMS

PCI DIRECTORATE RESUMES TALKS

ROME, AUG. 23.--(RFE SPECIAL/WILSON).-- THE DIRECTORATE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY RECONVENED HERE THIS AFTERNOON SHORTLY AFTER 1400 HOURS (MT) TO CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

LUIGI LONGO, PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL REFUSED ALL COMMENT EXCEPT TO SAY. "WE ARE EXAMINING EVERYTHING. THERE WILL BE A COMMUNIQUE THIS EVENING."

PRESENT AT TODAY'S MEETING WERE GIANCARLO PAJETTA, WHO HAD BEEN VACATIONING IN THE SOVIET UNION, AS WAS LONGO, GIORGIO AMENDOLA, WHO HAD BEEN IN BULGARIA AND ENRICO BERLINGUER WHO HAD BEEN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN THE SOVIET INVASION BEGAN.

PARTY HEADQUARTERS STATED THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD "PROBABLY" BE CONVENED INTO AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION.

ACTION NOT SUBMISSIVENESS, SAYS NENNI

ROME, AUG 23 (RFE SPECIAL/WILSON) - VETERAN SOCIALIST PIETRO NENNI, THIS AFTERNOON CALLED FOR "VIGOR..NOT SUBMISSIVENESS" IN MEETING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

RETURNING FROM THE COPENHAGEN MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, NENNI TOLD REPORTERS AT ROME'S FIUMICINO AIRPORT:

"I NATURALLY FELT (ON RECEIVING THE NEWS OF THE INVASION) A SENTIMENT OF REVOLT AT WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND A DEEP PREOCCUPATION FOR THE SITUATION IT CREATED IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD....

"I REPEAT IT IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS. NONETHELESS, WE MUST NOT RPT NOT GIVE WAY TO ANY FORM OF SUBMISSION IN THE FACE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND, ABOVE ALL, OF RENUNCIATION OF ACTION WHICH MUST BE TAKEN WITH MUCH VIGOR."

NENNI TOLD AIRPORT REPORTERS THAT HE FAVORED CONVENING PARLIAMENT "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" TO EXAMINE "A PROBLEM DESTINED TO WEIGH HEAVILY UPON THE SITUATION OF EUROPE AND OF THE WORLD.

JIRI WEISS ASKS POLITICAL ASYLUM

ROME, AUG. 23.--(RFE SPECIAL/WILSON).-- CZECHOSLOVAK MOVIE DIRECTOR JIRI WEISS TODAY ASKED ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE BIANCA AND ITALIAN MOTION PICTURE DIRECTOR NANDO LOY, WEISS WENT TO THE ROME QUESTURA OF POLICE AT 1330 HOURS (MT) TO FILE HIS REQUEST.

DR. LA MELA, IN CHARGE OF THE FOREIGN SECTION, NOTED WEISS APPLICATION, WHICH ALSO ALLOWS HIS WIFE ASYLUM. HE ASSURED THEM OF IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

JIRI WEISS LEFT FOR VENICE, WHERE HE IS PRESENTING A MOVIE IN THE FESTIVAL, IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNING THE ASYLUM DOCUMENTS.