

X/13--EURO--ITALIAN FOREIGN COMMISSION MEETS ON CSSR
ROME,AUG.24 -- (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST) -- ITALY'S
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOREIGN COMMISSION IS MEETING THIS MORNING
TO DISCUSS EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GIOVANNI MEDICI PRESENT, THE
COMMISSION WILL LIKELY CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON
AND MONDAY, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND
CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET INVASION CONTINUE TO BE VOICED
IN ITALY BY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

HUNDREDS OF INTELLECTUALS, WRITERS, ARTISTS, HAVE
SUPPORTED THE APPEAL OF THE ITALIAN UNION FOR THE PROGRESS
OF CULTURE (UIPC) TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY FOR THE INTELLECTUALS
AND THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE UIPC
ARE PLANNING CAMPAIGNS TO ROUND UP PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR
"THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WRITERS, JOURNALISTS AND CZECHO-
SLOVAK STUDENTS IN THIS TRAGIC MOMENT."

A YOUNG FARMERS' ASSOCIATION YESTERDAY ISSUED A COM-
MUNIQUE EXPRESSING "DISDAIN" FOR THE "BRUTAL AGGRES-
SION" OF THE SOVIET TROOPS AND OFFERING SOLIDARITY FOR
THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

WORK TO ASSIST CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES HAS BECOME MORE
INTENSE. THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HAS INSTRUCTED
BORDER STATIONS TO LET PASS ANY CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO ASK
POLITICAL ASYLUM.

IN TRIESTE, FOUR CZECHOSLOVAKS ASKED ASYLUM YESTERDAY,
WHILE 45 WHO HAD ASKED ASYLUM SOME DAYS AGO, BEFORE THE
INVASION, ARRIVED AT THE REFUGEE CAMP OF LATINA, SOUTH OF ROME.

ALL OVER THE PENINSULA,DOZENS OF CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS
WHO WERE IN ITALY AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION HAVE TAKEN
ADVANTAGE OF THE ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND
HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN HOTELS. DOCUMENTS ALLOWING THE
CZECHOSLOVAKS UNLIMITED SOJOURN WERE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY.

MEANWHILE, FIVE ITALIAN BUSES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED INTO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO RESCUE ITALIAN TOURISTS STRANDED IN
THE OCCUPIED COUNTRY. ONE OF THESE WILL PICK UP A GROUP
OF 37 ITALIAN CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN GUESTS OF THE ORTHOPEDIC
INSTITUTE OF JANSKE LAZNE. REPORTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA
STATE ALL ARE WELL.