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UNITA, THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN, TODAY PUBLISHED A "MANIFESTO" REITERATING THE PARTY'S "REPROVAL FOR THE MILITARY INTERVENTION" INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ITALY'S PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN CALLED INTO SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS. DEBATE IN BOTH HOUSES WILL BEGIN THURSDAY.

IN PARIS, WILEM PITHART, CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, TODAY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE STAND TAKEN BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE OCCUPATION OF HIS COUNTRY.

BUT HE CALLED ON THE FRENCH PARTY TO GO FURTHER AND SUPPORT "THE THREE ESSENTIAL DEMANDS" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT -- LIBERATION OF ALL ARRESTED LEADERS, UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS AND NORMALIZATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF CONSTITUTED BODIES AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT LAST NIGHT WHICH ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF TURNING THEIR BACKS ON PEACE BY REAFFIRMING THE "DOCTRINE OF THE BLOCS" THROUGH ARMED INTERVENTION.

THE BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY, IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY, CALLED THE INTERVENTION A "TRAGIC ERROR" AND SAID IT HAD SUPPORT FROM NONE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LEADING BODIES.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION IN VIENNA TODAY ISSUED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING FIRM AND UNANIMOUS LOYALTY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN VOLKSSTIMME CONDEMNED THE OCCUPATION AND CALLED FOR AN "HONORABLE, PEACEFUL, POLITICAL SOLUTION" TO THE CRISIS.

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