

THE ANXIETY OF

ROME AUG 26 (SPECIAL WILSON) - THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY OVER THE INCREASING TENSION WITHIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS THE MOSCOW TALKS DRAG ON WERE REFLECTED IN THE PAGES OF ITS OFFICIAL ORGAN L'UNITA HERE THIS MORNING.

THE PARTY HERE IS ONVIOUSLY AS MUCH WITHOUT NEWS OF WHAT REALLY IS OCCURRING IN MOSCOW AS ANYONE ELSE BUT IS BLANKETING ALL ANGLES FROM ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS AND DESK REWRITE MEN.

IT REPORTED THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY'S "WITHOUT RESERVE" REPROVAL OF THE INVASION AS WELL AS A HUNGARIAN PAPER'S "THE CZECHOSLOVAKS DID NOT RPT NOT RESPECT THEIR UNDERTAKINGS". IT ALSO REPORTED BELGRADE NEWSPAPER AND MINISTERIAL COMMENT ON THE TITO-CEAUSESCU TALKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, AS EVERY DAY, THE PAPER ATTACKS THE UNITED STATES OVER VIETNAM. A FRONT PAGE BOX AND A SIX-COLUMN BACK-PAGE STORY PROCLAIM THAT THE ALLIANCE OF NATIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES (A NEW PARTY) MET IN SAIGON-CHOLON AND "DEMANDED THE WITH DRAWAL OF THE AMERICANS."

A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ATTACKS ITALY'S NON-COMMUNIST PARTIES AND DEFENDS THE ACTION OF THE PCI WHILE ONE OF THE PARTY'S BIGGEST GUNS, GIANCARLO PAJETTA, POLITBUREAU MEMBER AND EDITOR OF RINASCITA, THE PARTY'S THEORETICAL WEEKLY, TAKES ISSUE WITH PRAVDA.

FROM MOSCOW, CORRESPONDENT ADRIANO GUERRA REPORTS UNDER AUG.25 DATE: "A MEETING BETWEEN THE TOP LEADERS OF THE SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND AND EAST GERMANY -- THE SAME PROTAGONISTS OF THE BRATISLAVA CONFERENCE -- IS REPORTED IMMINENT IN MOSCOW.

"AND IT IS REPORTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS, WHICH CONTINUED ALSO TODAY, IN THE KREMLIN BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS. ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY, THE LEADERS OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE USSR, ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE OCCUPATION, ARRIVED IN MOSCOW THIS EVENING.

"THIS, NATURALLY, IN VIEW OF THE REACHING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKS AND SOVIETS. ACCORDING TO 'LEAKS' THIS EVENING FROM A CZECHOSLOVAK SOURCE. THE OUTLINE OF THE POINTS FOR AN AGREEMENT WAS ARRIVED AT YESTERDAY. NOW THEY MUST BE EXAMINED BY A WIDER AND MORE REPRESENTATIVE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION.

"IT IS GIVEN FOR SURE, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT COMRADES SPACEK, SVEZKA, SIMON AND PILLER AND OTHERS ALSO HAVE ARRIVED IN MOSCOW REPRESENTING THE TOP DIRECTIVE ORGANS OF THE PARTY.

"ON THE OTHER HAND THERE IS NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF YESTERDAY'S NEWS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF COMRADES DUBCEK AND CERNIK FLANKING SVOBODA AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE WITH BREZNEV, KOSSIGHIN PODGORNYY.

"AT MOSCOW, HOWEVER, THERE IS AGREEMENT IN BELIEVING THAT THE LIBERATION OF DUBCEK AND THE OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK AND PARTY LEADERS ARRESTED IN PRAGUE HAS BEEN MADE A PRIMARY ISSUE BY SVOBODA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE TALKS.

"THE SOVIET LEADERS -- STILL ACCORDING TO CZECHOSLOVAK SOURCES -- HAD THEN REQUESTED AN INTERRUPTION OF THE TALKS SO AS TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION.

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