

C/S - 1800 INTRO: WESTERN COMMUNISTS BACK PRAGUE

MUNICH, AUG 26 (CNR)- THE FRENCH AND BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTIES TODAY DEMANDED AN END TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S OCCUPATION, WHILE THE ITALIAN PARTY REJECTED MOSCOW'S CRITICISM OF ITS SIMILAR STAND LAST WEEK.

THE FRENCH PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT IN ITS NEWSPAPER L'HUMANITE SAYING IT HOPED THE MOSCOW TALKS WOULD BRING A TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND RECOGNITION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S SOVEREIGNTY.

AN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER RENE ANDRIEU CALLED THE INVASION A TERRIBLE MISTAKE. HE ADDED THAT THE MOSCOW TALKS WOULD BE INEFFECTUAL WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

L'HUMANITE ALSO CARRIED A DENUNCIATION OF THE INVASION BY THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED FRENCH PEACE MOVEMENT.

BRITAIN'S COMMUNIST PARTY EXECUTIVE ALSO URGED THE FIVE INVADING WARSAW PACT NATIONS TO CALL HOME THEIR TROOPS AND RESTORE CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S GOVERNMENT AND PARTY TO THEIR NORMAL FUNCTIONS.

A STATEMENT IN THE BRITISH PARTY NEWSPAPER MORNING STAR SAID THE EXECUTIVE APPROVED PARTY LEADER JOHN GOLLAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE INVASION AS A TRAGIC ERROR. THE PARTY DECIDED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE INVADING COUNTRIES AND GIVE GOLLAN'S REPORT WIDE PUBLICITY.

THE ITALIAN PARTY PAPER L'UNITA CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY PARTY OFFICIAL GIANCARLO PAJETTA REBUTTING A PRAVDA CHARGE THAT COMMUNIST CRITICS HAD BEEN DISORIENTED BY IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA.

PAJETTA SAID ALL COMMUNISTS MUST ADMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF DIVERGENCIES AND GRAVE DISSENT WITHOUT SEEKING THE CAUSE IN SUCH PROPAGANDA. HE DENIED THAT THE ITALIAN PARTY'S OBJECTIONS TO THE INVASION HAD BEEN HASTY OR INCONSISTENT.