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C/S -- ITALIAN CP APPEALS TO USSR

ROME, AUG 27 (REUTER)-- THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY -- THE LARGEST IN WESTERN EUROPE -- TODAY CALLED ON RUSSIA TO ANSWER THE DEMANDS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND BRING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW TO A SPEEDY AND POSITIVE CONCLUSION.

AN EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S EDITION OF THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER LUNITA EXPRESSED CONCERN AT "THE DELAY AND THE SILENCE" SURROUNDING THE MOSCOW TALKS BETWEEN SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

CALLING FOR A POSITIVE SOLUTION IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME, THE NEWSPAPER SAID "THE SOVIET COMRADES AND THOSE OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH COLLABORATE WITH THEM" SHOULD DO ALL THEY COULD TO UNDERSTAND THE HOPES AND ANSWER THE DEMANDS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS.

THESE DEMANDS, IT ADDED, "ARE NOT ONLY THOSE OF THE COMRADES AND WORKERS OF PRAGUE, BUT ALSO OF WORKERS AND DEMOCRATS IN EVERY COUNTRY, CERTAINLY OF ALL THE COMMUNISTS, WORKERS AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN ITALY."

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED AN EVEN STRONGER EDITORIAL IN THE COMMUNIST-BACKED EVENING NEWSPAPER PAESE SERA, WHICH SAID THE SOVIET INVASION WAS "NOT ONLY MISTAKEN AND UNJUST, BUT NEGATIVE FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW."

PAESE SERA SAID THE RUSSIANS COULD NOT BLAME "IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA" FOR OPPOSITION TO THE MOVE WHEN ITS CRITICS INCLUDED THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES AND LEFT-WING INTELLECTUALS LIKE FRANCES JEAN-PAUL SARTRE AND BRITAINS BERTRAND RUSSELL.

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