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X/13 EURO - UNITA SPECIAL EDITION GIVES NEWS OF END OF TALKS

ROME, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/WILSON) - THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN L'UNITA, BROUGHT OUT A SPECIAL EDITION LATE THIS MORNING TO REPORT THE END OF THE MOSCOW TALKS.

THE BANNER HEADLINE READ: "DUBCEK AND SVOBODA IN PRAGUE. THE MOSCOW TALKS ENDED."

THIS SPECIAL EDITION DROPPED ITS BOLD-FACE EDITORIAL ON TENSION AND ANXIETY TO A SECONDARY PLACE IN NORMAL TYPE AND, IN ITS PLACE ON PAGE ONE, RAN AN UNDATED REPORT QUOTING THE TASS COMMUNIQUE AND THE RETURN OF SVOBOBODA, DUBCEK AND CERNIK TO PRAGUE.

REPORTING THE RE-ENTRY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS INTO THE CAPITAL, L'UNITA SAID:

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK POLICE AND ARMY ONCE AGAIN MOUNT GUARD OVER THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT. THE TANKS WHICH HAD SURROUNDED IT FROM THE FIRST DAYS OF THE OCCUPATION HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.

"SOVIET TROOPS HAVE ALSO WITHDRAWN FROM THE OFFICES OF PREMIER CERNIK, WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN OCCUPYING FOR TWO DAYS.

"SIMULTANEOUSLY, SINCE THE FIRST LIGHT OF DAWN, VAST SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN NOTED ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK ROADS: 170 RUSSIAN TANKS LEFT THE CZECHOSLOVAK CAPITAL HEADING SOUTH, WITHDRAWING FROM THE CITY'S STRATEGIC POINTS.

"AT TABOR, IN SOUTHERN BOHEMIA, THERE WAS SEEN A LONG SOVIET MOTORIZED COLUMN (COMPOSED OF MORE THAN 100 TANKS AND TENS OF TRUCKS) IN MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE WEST.

"OTHER MOVEMENTS OF SOVIET UNITS WERE REPORTED ON THE ROAD FROM PRAGUE TO PILZEN, ALSO HEADING WEST...."

THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WAS EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN THE AFTERNOON.

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