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CS - BRITISH COMMUNISTS ON MOSCOW AGREEMENT

LONDON, AUG 27 (CNR/REUTER)- BRITAIN'S COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH HAD DEMANDED AN END TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S OCCUPATION, HAS CALLED TODAY'S AGREEMENT "AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARDS RESOLVING THE RECENT GRAVE CRISIS."

IT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "NO ONE WILL BE UNDER ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE INTERVENTION WHICH HAVE STILL TO BE OVERCOME."

THE PARTY STATEMENT SAID (FULL TEXT):

"THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE SOVIET UNION IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARDS RESOLVING THE RECENT GRAVE CRISIS.

"NO ONE WILL BE UNDER ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE INTERVENTION WHICH HAS STILL TO BE OVERCOME.

"WE HAVE CONSTANTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE WAY TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES IS THROUGH DISCUSSION AND THE SEARCH FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS.

"THIS COULD ONLY BE DONE WITH THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE ELECTED LEADERSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

"AT OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON SATURDAY, WE SAID THAT FOR ANY SOLUTION TO BE REACHED, THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAS TO BE RESTORED AND THE TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

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