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C/S - POPE CALLS FOR PRAYERS FOR C/S (RELEADS CN - 117)

CASTELGANDOLFO, ITALY, AUG 28, REUTER - POPE PAUL  
TODAY CALLED FOR UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"WE FEEL ONCE AGAIN THE URGE TO SEND UP OUR PRAYERS  
AND ASK FOR THOSE OF ALL CHRISTIANS AND ALL MEN," HE TOLD  
HIS WEEKLY GENERAL AUDIENCE.

"AND WE URGE THEM TO REMEMBER THAT JUSTICE AND  
PEACE.... MUST TAKE ON AGAIN THE HIGHER CONCEPTS OF THE  
RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE DIGNITY OF PEOPLES," HE SAID.

SPEAKING FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LAST WEEKS VISIT  
TO BOGOTA, POPE PAUL SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY THE "HEAVINESS  
OF THE PUBLIC ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY GRAVE EVENTS"  
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE WARNED THAT THE CONCEPTS OF RIGHTS OF MAN AND  
NATIONS COULD NOT HOLD SWAY WITHOUT A REFERENCE - "AT  
LEAST TACIT" - TO GOD FROM WHOM HUMANITY DREW  
ITS MORAL CONSCIENCE AND SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD.

"WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN THIS REFERENCE NO LONGER EXISTS,  
OR IS DENIED? WE DO NOT WISH TO PROPHECY CALAMITIES -  
SO MANY SAD EXPERIENCES OF THE MODERN WORLD SPEAK ABOUT  
THOSE."

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