

X/13 EURO - CHAMBER, SENATE IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS

ROME, AUG 29 (RFE SPECIAL/WILSON) - THE ITALIAN CHAMBER AND SENATE ARE MEETING HERE THIS MORNING IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI BEGAN SPEAKING TO THE CHAMBER SHORTLY AFTER 0900 MT AND WAS SCHEDULED TO REPEAT IT TO THE SENATE LATER IN THE MORNING.

THE DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN BEGIN IN BOTH HOUSES THIS AFTERNOON, IS EXPECTED TO BE DRAMATIC AND TENSE, WITH A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE EXPECTED FOR TOMORROW.

PARLIAMENTARY AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE QUASI-UNANIMOUS OVER CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET ACTION IN MOVING INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT MEDICI IS CERTAIN TO RUN INTO OPPOSITION FROM THE SOCIALISTS, UPON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT'S TENURE OF OFFICE DEPENDS, ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE SIGNING OF THE NUCLEAR ANTI-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND ON ANY INCREASE OF NATO ACTIVITIES.

PIETRO NENNI, VETERAN SOCIALIST LEADER, IS SCHEDULED TO BE THE MAIN SPOKESMAN FOR THE PARTY, WHICH LAST NIGHT OFFICIALLY AFFIRMED ITS OPPOSITION TO AN "INDEFINITE" POSTPONEMENT OF THE TREATY SIGNATURE AS WELL AS EXTENDED ATLANTIC PACT MEASURES.

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