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ROME, AUG 29 (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST).- THOUGH STICKING TO ITS HABIT OF KEEPING AT LEAST SOMETHING ABOUT VIETNAM ON THE FRONT PAGE, ITALYS COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY UNITA TODAY AGAIN DEVOTED MOST OF ITS ATTENTION TO EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE VIETNAM ITEM WAS A LETTER FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ASKING FOR AN INVITATION TO ITALY.

THE REST OF THE FRONT PAGE DEALT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA EXCEPT FOR A SHORT PIECE ANNOUNCING THAT VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPREY, "JOHNSON'S PUPPET" HAD WON THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

OVER NINE COLUMNS, A BANNER HEADLINE SAID: "THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES THE WORK OF SVOBODA AND DUBCEK", AND IN A SUBHEAD: "IMPASSIONED DEBATE IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRICIS," REFERRING TO DISCUSSION YESTERDAY OF PARTY LEADER LUIGI LONGOS REPORT GIVEN TUESDAY.

A FRONT-PAGE TWO COLUMN BOX GAVE THE TEXT OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT SENT BY THE ITALIANS TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND A FIVE COLUMN PIECE UNDERNEATH GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF HOW EVERYONE HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTYS STATEMENTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA. "THE POSITION OF THE ICP AT THE CENTER OF ATTENTION," SAID THE HEAD.

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