

COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION
HAVE APPROVED THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST DIRECTORATE AND
POLITICAL OFFICE POSITION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EXPRESSED
SUPPORT FOR THE NEW COURSE IN THAT COUNTRY.

IN A COMMUNIQUE TODAY, THE TWO BODIES APPROVED THURSDAY'S
REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS OF COMMUNIST LEADER LUIGI LONGO AND
"THE LINE AND POSITIONS ASSUMED BY THE POLITICAL OFFICE AND BY
THE DIRECTORATE CONCERNING THE EVENTS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

IT SAID ALSO THEY "APPRECIATE POSITIVELY"
THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ABLE TO AVOID "THE DANGER OF MORE TRAGIC
DEVELOPMENTS."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, IT SAID
THEY HOPED "THE PEOPLE AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS,
THOUGH IN THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY NOW
FIND THEMSELVES AND WORK, CAN BRING AHEAD, WITH THE FULL RECOVERY OF
THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF ACTION, THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC
RENEWAL AND OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY BEGUN
WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF LAST JANUARY.

TODAY'S DOCUMENT CAME AFTER A THREE-DAY MEETING OPENED
BY LONGO WITH A LONG REPORT OUTLINING THE ITALIAN COM-
MUNIST POSITION IN REGARD TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ITS "GRAVE
DISSENT" AT SOVIET ARMED INTERVENTION, AND ITS SUPPORT
FOR THE DUBCEK GOVERNMENT AND THE NEW COURSE.

LONGO'S REPORT WAS FOLLOWED BY DEBATE WHICH ENDED TOD-
DAY. HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS WILL BE PUBLISHED BY THE PARTY
PAPER, UNITA, TOMORROW, A COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKESMAN
SAID. THE COMMUNIQUE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK
SITUATION POSED THE NEED TO SEEK WAYS TO ASSURE COMMUNIST
UNITY.