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X/13 C/S -- ITALIAN WORKERS QUIT FOR FIVE MINUTES OVER C/S

ROME, AUG. 30--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)--- ABOUT A MILLION AND HALF ITALIAN WORKERS ALL OVER THE PENINSULA LAID DOWN THEIR TOOLS FOR FIVE MINUTES TODAY TO PROTEST THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS.

THE FIVE-MINUTE STOPPAGE CALLED AT 0900 HOURS (MT) WAS JOINED IN BY WORKERS OF TWO MAJOR ITALIAN UNIONS, THE SOCIALIST ITALIAN WORKERS UNION (UIL) AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT ITALIAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS UNIONS (CISL). THE COUNTRY'S THIRD MAJOR UNION, THE COMMUNIST-ORIENTED GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CGIL) DID NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATE.

UNION LEADERS SAID THE STOPPAGE WAS THE RESULT OF REQUESTS FROM A "GREAT NUMBER" OF WORKERS.

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