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C/S - ITALIAN SENATE DENOUNCES OCCUPATION

ROME, AUG 31 (UPI) -- THE ITALIAN SENATE TODAY CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND PRAISED CZECHOSLOVAK RESISTANCE TO IT.

THE SENATE VOTE MARKED THE SECOND TIME IN TWO DAYS SOVIET POLICY WAS OFFICIALLY CENSURED BY AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BODY.

THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES EARLIER APPROVED A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THE ONE PASSED TODAY IN THE UPPER CHAMBER.

THE TWO CHAMBERS MET THURSDAY IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO DEBATE THE CZECH CRISIS.

THE SENATE RESOLUTION ALSO ENDORSED PREMIER GIOVANNI LEONE'S REITERATION THAT ITALY INTENDS TO MAINTAIN CLOSER TIES WITH HER NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) ALLIES IN SEEKING DISARMAMENT AND AN EASING OF EAST-WEST TENSIONS.

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