

X/13 GENEVA - OCCUPATION CREATES RESERVATIONS AT GENEVA

GENEVA, SEPT 6 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY) - MORE SPEAKERS AT THE 93-NATION CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES IN GENEVA TODAY SAID THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA CREATED OBSTACLES TO RATIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

THE RUMANIAN DELEGATE CALLED FOR ASSURANCES OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF STATES.

OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE CHAMBER, ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GIUSEPPE MEDICI SHARPLY DENIED REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD BROUGHT ECONOMIC PRESSURE UPON ROME TO SIGN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND HE RE-ITERATED THAT HIS COUNTRY COULD NOT NOW SIGN THE TREATY FOLLOWING THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO DENIED DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE A REPORT THAT THE SOVIET UNION, THROUGH THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, HAD ASKED ITALY TO HELP CALM THE UPROAR FOLLOWING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THIS IS NOT TRUE. THIS WAS NEVER DONE," MR. MEDICI SAID. SAYING THAT ITALY HOPED AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE TO BE ABLE TO SIGN, MEDICI SAID THAT "WE HOPE OUR GOOD INTENTIONS WILL BE ENCOURAGED BY THE RELAXATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE."

HE SAID THAT THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT HAD STATED THAT ITALY WOULD MAKE A DECISION ON SIGNATURE WHEN "IT WILL BE CLEAR THAT THE TREATY WILL BE ACHIEVED IN A BETTER INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE. WE WOULD BE READY TO SIGN AS SOON AS IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS SO."

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