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CS - 1ST ADD - 1330 INTRO CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CN - 156) XXX INTERRUPTIONS

RADIO PISEN ALSO WENT OFF THE AIR FOR A SHORT WHILE BUT LATER RESUMED BROADCASTING.

A CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION BROADCAST REPORTED A RESOLUTION BY THE PRAGUE CITY COMMUNIST PARTY COMMITTEE CALLING ON COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PROTEST AGAINST "THIS VIOLATION OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM WHICH IS WITHOUT PRECEDENCE."

THE RESOLUTION DECLARED: "COMRADES, THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC WAS TODAY OCCUPIED BY TROOPS OF FIVE STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT AGAINST THE WILL OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND OF ALL PEOPLE."

THE NEWS OF THE WARSAW PACT OCCUPATION BROUGHT IMMEDIATE REACTION IN YUGOSLAVIA AND RUMANIA, THE ONLY TWO COMMUNIST BLOC NATIONS TO OPENLY SUPPORT THE LIBERAL REFORMS UNDER WAY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRESIDENT TITO AND NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, THE RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, IMMEDIATELY CALLED TOP LEVEL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

A RADIO BUCHAREST BROADCAST SAID THAT MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE ATTENDING A MEETING IN BUCHAREST TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN THE WESTERN WORLD THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BROUGHT IMMEDIATE REACTION. BRITAIN, SWEDEN AND WEST GERMANY CONDEMNED THE ACTION, PRESIDENT DE GAULLE CALLED FOR A MEETING WITH HIS PREMIER, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON CUT SHORT A SUMMER HOLIDAY TO RETURN TO LONDON AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON SUMMONED A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, THE HIGHEST U.S. POLICY MAKING BODY TO REVIEW THE SITUATION. DH/HE AUG 21/1968 1347/68