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C/S - FRENCH DEPLORE INTERVENTION

PARIS, AUG. 21, REUTER -- THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TODAY DEPLORED THE INTERVENTION OF SOVIET TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS A BLOW TO THE RIGHTS OF A FRIENDLY NATION AND CONTRARY TO A DETENTE IN EUROPE.

THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED HERE AFTER A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT DE GAULLE, PRIME MINISTER MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE AT THE PRESIDENTS COUNTRY HOME OF COLOMBEY LES DEUX EGLISES.

THE STATEMENT, ISSUED BY THE ELYSEE PALACE, SAID: "THE SOVIET UNIONS ARMED INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHOWS THAT THE MOSCOW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT FREED ITSELF FROM THE POLICY OF BLOCS....."

THIS POLICY WAS IMPOSED ON EUROPE BY THE EFFECT OF THE POST-WAR YALTA ACCORDS "WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF THEMSELVES, AND WHICH COULD AND CAN ONLY LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL TENSION," THE STATEMENT SAID.

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