

FRENCH GOVERNMENT LEADERS MEETING ON PRAGUE

PARIS AUG. 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP-OVAIA) ---- THE THREE LEADERS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT BEGAN A MEETING, AT 1300 HOURS, DEVOTED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE HAS ASKED PRIME MINISTER MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE TO COME TO HIS COUNTRY HOME AT COLOMBEY-LES-DEUX-EGLISES TO DISCUSS LAST NIGHTS INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT FORCES.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVED AT ABOUT NOON, PRIME MINISTER COUVE DE MURVILLE ENTERED DE GAULLES HOME A FEW MINUTES BEFORE ONE OCLOCK.

IN PARIS, MEANWHILE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE QUAI DORSAY, HERVE ALPHAND, HAS RECEIVED THE US AMBASSADOR SARGENT SHRIVER THIS MORNING. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE EAST EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS WERE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING.

FDP CONDEMNS WARSAW PACT ACTION

BONN, AUG. 21 (RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT) -- THE OPPOSITION FREE DEMOCRATS TODAY FOLLOWED THE OTHER WEST GERMAN PARTIES IN CONDEMNING THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER A MEETING OF THE FDP LEADERSHIP SAID THAT THE AGGRESSION TOOK PLACE AGAINST "THE DECLARED WILL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERS. IT MARKS THE GRAVE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CRISIS IN THE COMMUNIST CAMP."

THE FDP STATEMENT ATTACKED IN PARTICULAR THE EMPLOYMENT OF EAST GERMAN TROOPS "FOR A POLICY WHICH IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF ALL OF EUROPE."

LONDON EMBASSY IN TOUCH WITH PRAGUE

LONDON AUGUST 21--(RFE SPECIAL/REUTER)--CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE D'AFFAIRES JAN PATEK SAID HERE TODAY THAT HIS EMBASSY WAS IN TOUCH WITH PRAGUE AND PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK WAS STILL IN OFFICE THERE.

"WE REGARD OUR COUNTRY AS BEING INVADED," MR PATEK TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A CALL ON BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY MICHAEL STEWART.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, MR PATEK, WAS SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE LONDON. AFTER A 20-MINUTE TALK WITH MICHAEL STEWART, HE SAID: "WE REGARD OUR COUNTRY AS BEING INVADED."

PATEK SAID: "WE ARE STILL IN TOUCH WITH PRAGUE. MR. DUBCEK IS STILL IN OFFICE." HE SAID THE INVASION HAD COME AS AN "ABSOLUTE SURPRISE."

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