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VIENNA, AUGUST 21 (CNR/RFE SPECIAL/KOCH) - AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER FRANZ MUHRI SAID TODAY THERE WAS NO RPT NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE ALSO SAID A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE AUSTRIAN PARTY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW MORNING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

IN AN INTERVIEW OVER RADIO AUSTRIAN, MUHRI SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE INVASION.

HE SAID THAT THE AUSTRIAN PARTY COMPLETELY SUPPORTED THE DECLARATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY MADE EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN THE SOVIETS BEGAN THEIR OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS WERE FOR A PEACEFUL AND QUIET SOLUTION OF THIS CONFLICT, ON THE BASIS OF FULL SOVEREIGNTY. AND THE SECURING OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID "THE PRESENT ACTIONS BY THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WILL MAKE THE PROCESS OF SOCIALISATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MORE DIFFICULT".

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