

PARIS CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

PARIS, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP)- THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARIS CITY COUNCIL PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO PRAGUE.

"AT A MOMENT WHEN PARIS IS ABOUT TO BEGIN CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF ITS LIBERATION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARIS CITY COUNCIL WAS PROFOUNDLY SHAKEN BY NEWS OF THE DRAMATIC EVENTS TO WHICH PRAGUE ONCE AGAIN HAS FALLEN VICTIM.

"HE EXPRESSES TO THIS FRIENDLY CAPITAL HIS SENTIMENTS OF VERY GREAT SYMPATHY AND THE MOST ARDENT HOPES THAT IT SHALL REMAIN, TOGETHER WITH THE ENTIRE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, THE MASTER OF ITS DESTINY AND RECOVER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AS PEACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE, ITS FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE."

FRENCH STUDENTS STATEMENT

PARIS, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP)- THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF THE "UNEF", THE NATIONAL UNION OF FRENCH STUDENTS, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IS A CURIOUS APPLICATION OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.

"THIS IS A NEW BLOW OF THE BUREAUCRATIC STALINIST APPARATUS IN MOSCOW AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT" (.....)

"THE EVENTS IN SOFIA HAD ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE STALINIST BUREAUCRATS WILL NOT PERMIT THE LEAST DEBATE ON BASIC PROBLEMS. INDEPENDENTS WILL NOT PERMIT THE LEAST DEBATE ON BASIC PROBLEMS. INDEPENDENT OF THE OPINION ONE MAY HAVE ABOUT THE CZECHOSLOVAK POLICY, THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT CAN BUT CONDEMN THE EVENTS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN PRAGUE AT THIS TIME."

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