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X/13 C/S -- DANISH CP WANTS RUSSIAN PROOF

STOCKHOLM, AUG 21 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THRANE/THOMSON) -- THE DANISH COMMUNIST PARTY INTENDS TO ASK THE SOVIET UNION TO PROVE THAT A MAJORITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD ASKED FOR ARMED INTERVENTION, OTHERWISE THE DANISH PARTY WILL NOT ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PARTY SECRETARY POUL EMMANUEL SAID TO RFE TODAY.

EMMANUEL SAID THAT THE DANISH PARTY BELIEVES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTRY MUST BE DECIDED BY ITS OWN AUTHORITIES.

"WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT WARSAW PACT TROOPS CANNOT BE PRESENT IN A COUNTRY IF THE PARTY AND AUTHORITIES OF THAT COUNTRY DO NOT WANT THEIR PRESENCE. THAT MEANS THAT IF THE ALLEGATION THAT A MAJORITY HAS CALLED IN THE FORCES CANNOT BE PROVED WE CANNOT ACCEPT THEIR PRESENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," EMMANUEL SAID.

MEANTIME, THE PARTY'S 70-YEAR-OLD FORMER CHAIRMAN AKSEL LARSEN, HAS CONDEMNED THE INVASION AS BEING "AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS.

LARSEN HEADED THE DANISH CP FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS UNTIL AFTER 1956 WHEN HE FORMED HIS OWN PARTY AND KNOCKED THE COMMUNISTS OUT OF PARLIAMENT.

"THE COURSE THE CZECHOSLOVAKS HAD BEGUN UPON WOULD HAVE MADE FAR GREATER THAT NATIONS CHANCES OF BECOMING A TRULY SOCIALIST SOCIETY THAN THE COURSE NOVOTNY, BACKED BY MOSCOW, HAD FOLLOWED FOR YEARS." HE SAID.

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