

X/13 C/S -- STOCKHOLM DEMONSTRATING FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

STOCKHOLM, AUG. 21 (RFESPECIAL/PUREE) -- THE STOCKHOLM POLICE HAVE DECLARED VILLA GATAN, THE STREET ON WHICH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IS LOCATED, OUT OF BOUNDS FOR THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOLLOWING THE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED THERE TODAY.

THE EMBASSY AND BOTH ENDS OF THE STREET NEAR DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM ARE GUARDED BY SEVERAL DOZEN POLICEMEN, BUT GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS STILL ROAM NEIGHBORING STREETS WITH PLACARDS DECLARING "FREEDOM FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA", "STOP SOVIET IMPERIALISM", AND "SOVIETS OUT OF OCCUPIED EASTERN EUROPE". MOST OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE YOUTHS, SOME CARRYING CZECHOSLOVAK FLAGS.

EVEN THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION MARCHED LATE THIS AFTERNOON THROUGH STOCKHOLM'S CENTER CITY WITH RED FLAGS AND PLACARDS PROCLAIMING SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS.

ABOUT 150 YOUNG COMMUNISTS TOOK PART AND HEARD CP SECRETARY URBAN KARLSSON DECLARE THAT "IT WAS WITH DISMAY AND LOATHING THAT WE RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT RUSSIAN, POLISH, HUNGARIAN, GERMAN AND BULGARIAN TROOPS MARCHED INTO CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY. ALL THE SWEDISH PEOPLE PROTEST AGAINST THIS VIOLATION OF A PEOPLE'S FREEDOM AND ALL SOCIALISTS IN THE WORLD ARE UNITED IN THEIR PROTEST."

HERETOFORE, THE YOUNG COMMUNISTS HAVE ONLY DEMONSTRATED IN FAVOR OF VIET CONG INTERESTS.

THIS EVENING, FOREIGN MINISTER TORSTEN NILSSON WILL MAKE A MAJOR PUBLIC ADDRESS AT A RALLY SPONSORED BY THE SWEDISH LABOR ORGANIZATION. EARLIER, A RALLY SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE POLITICAL YOUTH OF THE LIBERAL, CENTER AND CONSERVATIVE PARTIES WILL BE WINDING ITS WAY THROUGH CITY STREETS.

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