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STOCKHOLM, AUG. 21 - (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY)-SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER C.H. HERMANSSON SAID TO NIGHT THE CZECHOSLOVAK VCENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD SENT HIM A MESSAGE IN WHICH THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT ANY CZECHOSLOVAK LEADER HAD ASKED FOR WARSAW PACT MILITARY INTERVENTION.

HERMANSSON SAID THE DOCUMENT HIS PARTY RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM PRAGUE "CONFIRMS THE EXISTING DATA THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH A MILITARY INTERVENTION. TROOPS OF THE WARSAW PACT HAVE MARCHED IN AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER AND THE PARTY LEADERSHIP."

HERMANSSON WAS ASKED BY RADIO SWEDENS INTERVIEWER WHETHER ANYTHING IN THE DOCUMENT SAID THAT ANY CZCECHOSLOVAK LEADER HAD ASKED FOR THIS ACTION.

"THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY SUCH KIND IN THIS DOCUMENT," HERMANSSON SAID.

THE SWEDISH CP LEADER SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET MOVE. HER SAID: " WE CONSIDER THIS A VERY CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

" WE POSE THE UNCONDITIONAL DEMAND," HE SAID, "THAT ALL FOREIGN TROOPS WITHOUT DELAY AND UNCONDITIONALLY ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND WE CALL UPON ALL COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS TO SUPPORT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS," HERMANSSON SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HIS PARTY IS PUTTING OUT SUCH AN APPEAL IN LEAFLET FORM TO THE SWEDISH PUBLIC AND WILL "FORWARD IT AS A PROTEST LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND PARTY LEADERSHIPS OF THE WASAW PACT COUNTRIES."

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