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C/S - LONDON DEMONSTRATORS BARRED FROM SOVIET EXHIBITION

LONDON, AUG. 21, REUTER - A STRONG CORDON OF POLICE STOPPED ABOUT 2,000 YELLING, PLACARD-WAVING DEMONSTRATORS FROM FORCING THEIR WAY INTO A SOVIET TRADE EXHIBITION HERE TONIGHT.

SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS SQUATTED ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE EXHIBITION HALL IN THE WEST LONDON DISTRICT OF EARLS COURT AND BURNT A SOVIET FLAG. TWO WOMEN AND A MAN WERE ARRESTED.

EARLIER, THEY HAD DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN KENSINGTON ABOUT TWO MILES (THREE KMS) AWAY, SHOUTING SLOGANS DENOUNCING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLAVAKIA.

LEADERS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS -- LEFTWING STUDENTS, PACIFICISTS AND CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS -  
- SCUFFLED WITH POLICE AS THEY MARCHED FROM THE EMBASSY TO THE EXHIBITION.

ABOUT 100 POLICE LINED UP BESIDE THE HIGH IRON FENCE AT THE EXHIBITION AND FORCED BACK DEMONSTRATORS WHO TRIED TO GET THROUGH THE MAIN GATE.

IN LONDONS ALBERT HALL TONIGHT, SHOUTS OF "FREEDOM FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA" GREETED THE START OF A RUSSIAN PERFORMANCE OF A CELLO CONCERTO WRITTEN BY THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMPOSER DVORAK.

BUT CELLIST MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH AND THE SOVIET STATE ORCHESTRA WERE GIVEN A TREMENDOUS OVATION AT THE END.

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