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BERLIN, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- SEVERAL THOUSAND PREDOMINANTLY YOUNG WEST BERLIN LEFTISTS TONIGHT MARCHED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY MISSION TO EXPRESS THEIR SYMPATHY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, THE COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ORGANIZED BY THE LEFTWING-EXTREMIST "EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION," A GROUPING OF VARIOUS RADICAL STUDENT AND OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

A THREE-MAN DELEGATION OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WAS RECEIVED BY MISSION CHIEF DR. OLDRICH KREPELAK AND OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESENT A RESOLUTION IN WHICH THEY CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE ARMED FORCES OF FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

THE RESOLUTION SAID THE INVASION WAS "DAMNING EVIDENCE OF HOW THESE STATES INTERPRET PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM."

NEITHER THE "IMPERIALIST WAR OF ANNIHILATION AGAINST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT" NOR THE U.S. BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM HAD PROMPTED THE WARSAW PACT "TO MAKE ITS ARMED FORCES MARCH OR, AT LEAST, TO THREATEN WITH INTERVENTION," THE RESOLUTION SAID.

"BY CONTRAST, FLIMSY PRETEXTS WERE SUFFICIENT TO INVADE THE CSSR. NOT RPT NOT EVEN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERVENING STATES MAINTAINED THAT A RIGHTIST PUTSCH, WHICH ALONE WOULD HAVE JUSTIFIED MILITARY MEASURES, WAS THREATENING IN THE CSSR," THE RESOLUTION CONTINUED.

IT ADDED THAT FOLLOWING THE BREAK WITH THE "STALINIST NOVOTNY REGIME" THE DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH ITS "BOURGEOIS PHENOMENA (BUERGERLICHE ERSCHEINUNGSFORMEN)" COULD BE UNDERSTOOD ONLY AS "THE REACTION TO THE BUREAUCRATIC TORPIDITY IN ALL SOCIAL SECTORS AS WELL AS WITHIN THE PARTY ITSELF."

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