

X/13 C/S - JOHNSON URGED TO BREAK WITH SOVIETS

NEW YORK, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/ TRIMBLE)-- PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS URGED WEDNESDAY TO SUSPEND TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE FIVE SOVIET BLOC NATIONS UNTIL THEIR TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY ^{U.S. CONGRESSMAN} ROMAN PUCINSKI, DEMOCRAT, ILLINOIS, WHO ALSO SUGGESTED THE EXPULSION OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. ANATOLY DOBRYNIN IF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD REQUESTED INTERVENTION.

MEANWHILE, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO POLAND JOHN A. GRONOUSKI SAID IN HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, THAT HE HAD "FELT THE SOVIET UNION HAD MADE A GREAT EFFORT OVER THE PAST YEARS TO CONVINCE THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT THE DAYS OF 1956... WERE PAST.

"BUT THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD SOME OF THE NASTY FLAVOUR OF EVENTS FOLLOWING THE HUNGARIAN REVOLT," HE ADDED.

FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION FOY D. KOHLER, NOW A PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, SAID THE SOVIET ACTION WAS " A SHOCKING AFFAIR AND THOROUGHLY REPREHENSIBLE. IT SHOWS THE HARD LINE OF COMMUNISM HASN'T CHANGED SINCE WHEN THEY DID THE SAME THING IN HUNGARY (IN 1956)," KOHLER SAID.

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