

X/4 C/S - WESTERN C/S ARMY COMMAND FORESEES SHAKING OF SOVIET PARTY
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MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD) -- A STATEMENT ISSUED WEDNESDAY NIGHT BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL AND POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESTERN CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY REGION SAID THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WILL BRING ABOUT UNFORSEEABLE HARM AND CONSEQUENCES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT," RADIO PRAGUE REPORTED TONIGHT.

ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THE STATEMENT OF THE WESTERN CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY COUNCIL SAID:

"THE COURSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, ITS COMMUNIST PARTY AND OF THE COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES OF THE OTHER SIGNATORIES OF THE WARSAW LETTER, AGAINST OUR COUNTRY, WILL BRING ABOUT UNFORESEEABLE HARM AND CONSEQUENCES; IT (THE COURSE) SERIOUSLY DISTURBED THE LONG FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS."

THE STATEMENT SAID FURTHER THE COURSE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER FOUR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES "WILL SHAKE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, AND OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE WHOLE WORLD."

IT SAID "WE DEMAND THAT OUR NEW LEADERSHIP SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMMAND ITS TROOPS, AND THAT THE PRESENT INTERMENT SHOULD BE STOPPED.

THE STATEMENT SAID "WE ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN OUR COUNTRY TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER CITIZENS, AND TO ENSURE A FURTHER CALM DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COUNTRY AND THE INVIOLABILITY OF OUR STATE FRONTIERS."

THE RADIO ALSO REPORTED THAT "THE MEMBERS OF OUR AIR FORCE UNITS, WHO ARE LOCATED AT THE AIRPORT NEAR PLZEN (WESTERN BOHEMIA), REFUSE TO PROVIDE ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATION ARMIES, BE IT TECHNICAL OR SUPPLY AID."

"AT THE SAME TIME," THE RADIO SAID, "THEY ISSUED A CLEAR DECLARATION THAT THEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT SURRENDER ARMS."