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X/4 C/S -- FURTHER C/S PROTEST NOTE TO FIVE INVADING COUNTRIES

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD) -- CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSIES IN MOSCOW, WARSAW, EAST BERLIN, BUDAPEST AND SOFIA WERE AUTHORIZED LAST NIGHT TO PASS A FURTHER "DIPLOMATIC NOTE" TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES PRESENTLY INVADING CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RADIO PRAGUE REPORTED LAST NIGHT.

THE RADIO SAID: "THIS NOTE FOLLOWS THE PROTEST HANDED OVER EARLIER IN THE DAY (CMD - WEDNESDAY), WHICH PROTESTED MOST RESOLUTELY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, AGAINST THE INVASION AND VIOLENT OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY, AND IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MENTIONED COUNTRIES WERE ASKED TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND TO WITHDRAW ALL THE TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY."

THE RADIO WENT ON TO SAY, "THE NOTE REMINDS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA THAT ON THE TERRITORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE ACTIVITY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANS OF THE STATE, THE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANS OF THE STATE POWER, ARE BEING HAMPERED SERIOUSLY."

"THE GRAVE CHARACTER OF THE SITUATION FOLLOWS, APART FROM OTHER THINGS FROM THE FACT THAT POLITICAL AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN AN ABSOLUTELY ILLEGAL WAY, AS FOR EXAMPLE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECH NATIONAL COUNCIL AND (PARTY) CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY DR. CESTMIR CISAR."

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