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BERLIN, AUG 22 (CNR/AGENCIES) -- WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO EAST GERMANY HAD HANDED PANKOW A SPECIAL STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE OCCUPATION AND ANNOUNCING THAT LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK STATE AND COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS WOULD KEEP THEIR POSTS.

REUTER AND DEUTSCHE PRESSE-AGENTUR REPORTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR VACLAV KOLAR HAD DELIVERED A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE AGENCIES SAID THE STATEMENT TERMED THE OCCUPATION A VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES AND A NEGATION OF THE BASIC NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE LEADING OFFICIALS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND STATE WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR POSTS, THE AGENCIES REPORTED.

THE AGENCIES ALSO REPORTED THAT THE STATEMENT SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY PRESIDUM HAD BEEN CALLED INTO SESSION.

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