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CS - YUGOSLAVIA CONDEMN SOVIET AGGRESSION

BELGRADE AUG 22 (UPI)-- THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONDEMNED THE SOVIET UNION FOR "AGGRESSION" ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SUPPORTED ALEXANDER DUBCEK'S LIBERAL REGIME IN ITS DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF "OCCUPYING" TROOPS, THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG REPORTED TODAY.

PRESIDENT JOSIP BROZ TITO, WHO IS ALSO CHIEF OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY, PRESIDED OVER A SESSION OF THE PARTY'S TWO TOP BODIES, THE 35-STRONG POLICY-MAKING PRESIDUM AND THE 11-STRONG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE SESSION, CONVENEED BY TITO TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BEGAN AT 8 PM (2000 MT) AND ENDED SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT (MT) ON BRIONI ISLAND, THE YUGOSLAV LEADER'S RESIDENCE IN THE NORTHERN ADRIATIC.

TITO, WHO HAS SIDED WITH THE PRAGUE REFORMERS EVER SINCE THEY BEGAN THE DEMOCRATIZATION DRIVE, PRESIDED OVER THE PARTY SESSION WHICH MET "ON THE OCCASION OF THE AGGRESSION OF ARMED FORCES OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA AND OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA," THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID ACCORDING TO TANJUG.

THE PRESIDUM AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE "UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE WORKING CLASS, GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HEADED BY DUBCEK."

THE YUGOSLAV PARTY WAS ONLY INTERPRETING THE "FEELINGY, DEEP ANXIETY AND BITTERNESS OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLES OVER THE TRAMPLING DOWN OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A SOCIALIST COUNTRY," THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

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