

C/S - SHORTER ITEMS

PARIS CSSR ENVOY SEES FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY

PARIS AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN PARIS, STANISLAS KRIZ, HAS TOLD THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY.

KRIZ, WHO ACTS FOR AMBASSADOR VILHELM PITHARDT - WHO IS ON HOME LEAVE - WAS RECEIVED AT THE QUAI DORSAY BY FRANCOIS PUAUX, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS..

UPON THE REQUEST OF HIS GOVERNMENT, KRIZ INFORMED THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ABOUT THE POSITION ADOPTED OF THE LEGAL AUTHORITIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

FREE TRADE UNIONISTS PROTEST

PARIS AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF FREE TRADE UNIONISTS IN EXILE HAS "CONDEMNED INDIGNANTLY THE REPRESSION" OF CZECHOSLOVAK FREEDOM.

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER GROUPS EXILED TRADE UNIONISTS FROM BULGARIA, ESTONIA, HUNGARY, LETTLAND, LITHUANIA, POLAND, RUMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, UKRAINE AND YUGOSLAVIA.

IN A STATEMENT, THE CENTER SAID: "ONCE AGAIN, SOVIET IMPERIALISM HAS SHOWN ITS TRUE FACE. THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE SOVIET UNION PUTS AN END TO THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF AN ENTIRE PEOPLE"

THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR FREE TRADE UNIONISTS IN EXILE APPEAL TO THEIR UNION COLLEAGUES IN THE FREE WORLD TO "ISSUE A VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST THIS NEW ACT OF BARBARISM".

MARSEILLES PROTESTS

PARIS AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- THE CENTRAL AVENUES OF FRANCE'S THIRD BIGGEST CITY, MARSEILLES, WERE FLOODED LAST NIGHT WITH LEAFLETS CALLING FOR "A HALT TO THE FIRE IN PRAGUE" AND "CZECHOSLOVAKIA FREE".

ON VARIOUS SQUARES OF THE CITY, PARTICULARLY IN FRONT OF THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE, THE STREET SIDEWALKS WERE INSCRIBED WITH HUGE WHITE LETTERS APPEALING "HELP CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAINST SOVIET AGGRESSION 1938 -- 1968".

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