

X/13 CURT.-- BRANDT AND WEHNER CANCEL ATTENDANCE AT SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL

BONN, AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT) -- IN VIEW OF THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS, WILLY BRANDT, HERBERT WEHNER, AND HANS-JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI HAVE CANCELLED THEIR PARTICIPATION AT THE MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN COPENHAGEN, A PARTY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

THE SPD HAS PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL TODAY. IT CONDEMNS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS "AN ACT OF UNDISGUISED AGGRESSION WHICH EXPOSES THE IMPERIALIST NATURE, WHICH THE SOVIET UNION SEEKS TO IMPOSE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE ALLIES OF THE WARSAW PACT."

"THIS IMPERIALIST ACT WHICH RECALLS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY HITLER, IS A RAPE OF THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY AND IT REMOVES THE FACADE OF TOLERANCE WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HAS GIVEN ITSELF AND IT ALSO REPRESENTS A RETURN TO STALINISM," THE RESOLUTION SAID.

THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON THE UNITED NATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE BRUTAL ACT OF AGGRESSION, IT APPEALS TO ALL SOCIALIST FORCES IN THE WORLD TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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