

X/13 CURT -- SWEDENS RADICAL LEFTISTS PROTEST STRONGLY

STOCKHOLM, AUG 22 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- THE HANDFUL OF EXTREMELY RADICAL SWEDISH WRITERS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS WHO NORMALLY MAKE HARSH ATTACKS ON THE U.S. FOR ITS VIETNAM POLICY TODAY ARE TURNING THEIR RAGE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. THEY INCLUDE "RED ANDERS" KARLBERG, PETER WEISS, JAN MYRDAL AND SARA LIDMAN.

JAN MYRDAL, SON OF SWEDENS FAMOUS PROF. GUNNAR MYRDAL AND DISARMAMENT AMBASSADOR ALVA MYRDAL, STANDS POLITICALLY LEFT OF SWEDENS CP, AND HAS OFTEN VISITED RUSSIA AND CHINA.

MYRDAL: "THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE LATEST EXPRESSION OF THE POLITICAL DEGENERATION IN THE SOVIET RULING CLIQUE. THE SOVIET UNION NO LONGER IS A SOCIALIST STATE. THE LEADING CLIQUE HAS FORMED ITSELF INTO A RULING CLASS, WHICH REIGNS OVER BOTH ITS OWN PEOPLE AS WELL AS OTHERS."

ANDERS KARLBERG WAS LEADER OF THE STUDENT REVOLT HERE A FEW MONTHS AGO AND IS A CP CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT NEXT MONTH.

CARLBERG: "CERTAIN WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A VIOLATION AGAINST THE PEOPLES RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. ONLY THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLES FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION CAN BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN A CONDEMNATION OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THUS WE URGE COMMUNISTS AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE FORCES THE WORLD OVER TO FIGHT TO FORCE THE FOREIGN TROOPS TO ABANDON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT ONCE AND UNCONDITIONALLY."

SARA LIDMAN, FANATICALLY ANTI-AMERICAN IN THE VIETNAM ISSUE, HAS WRITTEN BOOKS ON VIETNAM AND SOUTHAFRICA, AMONG OTHERS.

LIDMAN: "WHAT ONE CAN FEEL ON SUCH A DAY IS ANGER, ANGER AND MORE ANGER. ACCORDING TO THE U.N. CHARTER, THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT AS THE UN. MEMBERS DID NOT REACT AGAINST U.S. LANDING OF TROOPS IN VIETNAM, RUSSIA APPARENTLY FEELS A PRECEDENT EXISTS. THE WHOLE WORLD HATES RUSSIA TODAY."

PLAYWRIGHT PETER WEISS, IS JUST BACK FROM A NORTH VIETNAM JUNKET. LIKE SARA LIDMAN HE IS A BITTER ANTI-AMERICAN CRITI ON THE VIETNAM ISSUE.

WEISS: "JUST AS WE CONDEMN AND FIGHT THE U.S. ATTACK ON VIETNAM, SO TOO MUST WE, AS SOCIALISTS, TURN AGAINST THE HUMILIATING MEASURES OF THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST A PEOPLES RIGHTS. AT A TIME WHEN ALL STRENGTH IS NEEDED FOR AID TO VIETNAM AND TO RESIST IMPERIALISM, THE SOVIET UNION AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE CREATING SERIOUS DAMAGE AND BLOCKING ONCE AGAIN THE HISTORICALLY NECESSARY MOVEMENT (AGAINST U.S.)."

AUTHOR ARTHUR LUNDKVIST, HOLDER OF THE STALIN PRIZE AND LEADING MEMBER OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, ALSO COMMENTED.

LUNDKVIST: "THE SOVIET ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPRESENTS A GREAT TRAGEDY, FIRST OF ALL FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAKS, BUT ALSO FOR THE ENTIRE RADICAL LEFT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NOW, FASCISM AND REACTIONARIES WILL TRIUMPH MORE THAN EVER."

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