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ZURICH, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL)- SWISS GROUPS OF ALL POLITICAL SHADES, FROM COMMUNISTS TO CONSERVATIVES, HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS OR TAKEN PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS, DENOUNCING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ONLY SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET UNION AND HER ALLIES CAME FROM THE PARTI POPULAIRE SUISSE, A SPLINTER GROUP OF A FEW HUNDRED ULTRALEFT COMMUNISTS IN FRENCH-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND.

LAST NIGHT, DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN MOST LARGE CITIES IN SWITZERLAND, AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TODAY. ALL EMBASSIES OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE INTERVENTION WERE BELEAGUERED IN BERN BY DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTING "MURDERERS" OR "DUBCEK AND SVOBODA". STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS SENT PROTEST TELEGRAMS TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY.

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