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TRAFFIC PAUSES BRIEFLY IN WEST BERLIN

BERLIN, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- HEAVY NOON-TIME AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC CAME TO A BRIEF STANDSTILL IN SEVERAL SPOTS IN DOWNTOWN WEST BERLIN TODAY AND MANY DRIVERS SOUNDED THE HORNS OF THEIR CARS FOR SEVERAL MINUTES IN A DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A CALL FOR A BRIEF TRAFFIC STOPPAGE AT HIGH NOON HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE WEST BERLIN HEADQUARTERS OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB). THE DGB PROPOSED THAT WEST BERLINERS SHOULD IN THIS MANNER MANIFEST THEIR PROTEST AGAINST THE "BLATANT VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

CAR, TRUCK AND BUS TRAFFIC STOPPED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AT KEY WEST BERLIN INTERSECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY ALONG THE KURFUERSTENDAMM AND THE ADJOINING TAUENTZIERSTRASSE SHOPPING DISTRICTS. IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CITY LITTLE NOTICE WAS TAKEN OF THE DGB APPEAL.

CSSR EMBASSY IN ROME ISSUES COMMUNIQUE

ROME, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST) - THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN ROME HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATING THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS AGAINST THE WILL OF THE LEGAL CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

ISSUED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT "NO LEGAL ORGAN OF STATE POWER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS GIVEN THIS ACT ANY CONSENT "MUCH LESS WAS IT REQUESTED."

FINNISH LEFTIST DEMANDS CP CONDEMN RUSSIA

HELSINKI, AUG 22 -- (RFE SPECIAL/RIDALA) -- JOERN DONNER, RADICAL-LEFT WRITER AND FILM DIRECTOR WELL KNOWN IN EAST EUROPEAN FILM CIRCLES, HAS SHARPLY SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DONNER IS A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE, SKDL, THE PARTY UNDER WHICH COMMUNISTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS RUN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE IN FINLAND.

SAID DONNER: "IF THE SKDL DOES NOT SHARPLY CONDEMN THE INVASION BY THE SOVIET UNION OF THE CSSR, IT IS NO LONGER A FINNISH PARTY."

"NOW," SAID DONNER, "THE FINNISH COMMUNISTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND DUTY TO PROVE WHETHER THEY ARE FINNISH COMMUNISTS OR PRISONERS OF THE SOVIET CP ONLY."

"IF THE SKDL DOES NOT TAKE A CLEAR STAND OF CONDEMNATION TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CSSR, I AT ONCE RESIGN AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND ASSEMBLY OF THE SKDL, AND PLANS THAT I SHOULD BECOME AN ELECTION CANDIDATE OF THE PARTY WILL REMAIN PLANS ONLY."

"I NO LONGER BELIEVE," DECLARED DONNER, "THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NO LONGER BE A GREEDY AND AGGRESSIVE POWER."

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