

CS - WORLDWIDE PROTESTS CONTINUE (1830 ROUNDUP)

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CNR) - THE STORM OF PROTEST CAUSED BY THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTINUED TO ROLL AROUND THE WORLD TODAY.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING FOR UNITED NATIONS ACTION. IT DENOUNCED THE INVASION AS "A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLES, OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS" AND CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS.

IN BONN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF BREAKING INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE SAID WHAT WAS AT ISSUE WAS NOT A QUESTION OF EAST AND WEST, NOR COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM, BUT OF RIGHT OR WRONG.

IN THE UNITED STATES, REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE RICHARD NIXON CALLED THE MOVE AN "OUTRAGE AGAINST THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD." THIS "BRUTAL ACT," HE SAID, VIOLATED THE "BASIC SPIRIT OF HUMAN DECENCY."

THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER, PANAYIOTIS PIPINELIS, SAID THE SOVIET UNION HAD SUFFERED A "MORAL DEFEAT" AND HIS GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE OCCUPATION.

ISRAEL SAID THE INTERVENTION WAS AN OUTRAGE AND CALLED FOR THE RESTORATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE.

IN NICOSIA, GREEK CYPRIOTS SHOUTING "MURDERERS, BARBARIANS," BROKE THROUGH POLICE CORDONS AROUND THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND SMASHED SHOW CASES DISPLAYING RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA. CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS SAID IN HELSINKI THE INVASION WAS A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOAK SOVEREIGNTY."

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