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EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE, WHO FIRST EMERGED ON THE WORLD SCENE WHEN ITALY INVADED ETHIOPIA THIRTY YEARS AGO, SAW THE INVASION AS A REPETITION OF THE MISFORTUNES THAT BEFALL SMALL STATES. HE URGED THE SOVIETS TO WITHDRAW.

IN AUSTRALIA, PRIME MINISTER JOHN GORTON TOLD PARLIAMENT THIS USE OF "BRUTE MILITARY FORCE TO CRUSH AN ALLY" WAS A "GROSS ACT OF PERFIDY." THE HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED THE INVASION.

EVEN IN TINY BURUNDI, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS URGED THE SOVIETS TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS.

THESE WERE THE OFFICIAL VOICES OF PROTEST. THERE WAS A HOST OF OTHERS, LIKE JEAN-PAUL SARTRE IN FRANCE, THE ITALIAN UNIFIED SOCIALIST PARTY, THE AUSTRIAN PEN CLUB, AND THE FRENCH LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ALL JOINED IN EXPRESSING THEIR SHOCK AND ANGER.

THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN MUNICH DISTRIBUTED A PETITION THROUGHOUT THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL TODAY TO COLLECT SIGNATURES ON A DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH CZECHOSLOVAK REFORMERS.

THE PETITIONS RESULTED FROM A SPONTANEOUS ACTION AT A MUNICH DEMONSTRATION LAST NIGHT. ABOUT 2,000 PERSONS SIGNED DURING THE DEMONSTRATION.

THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLEGE SAID SEVERAL GERMANS HAD CALLED OFFERING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRAVELERS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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