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THE FREEDOM HOUSE STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THAT "WE NEED TO RELEARN THE LESSON THAT THE CONCESSIONS MADE TO THE SOVIET UNION, THE DIPLOMATIC OLIVE BRANCHES WE HAVE HELD OUT TO THEM, HAVE NOT MODIFIED THEIR HOSTILITY TO THE FREEDOMS WE REGARD AS FUNDAMENTAL."

IT FURTHER STRESSED THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, THEREFORE, FURTHER DETENTE WITH THE USSR SHOULD NOT BE BOUGHT AT THE PRICE OF REMAINING SILENT IN THE FACE OF WHAT IS NOW BEING VISITED ON THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE DREAMS OF 'DETENTE' AND 'CONVERGENCE' -- LIKE THE CZECH DREAM OF GRADUAL EMANCIPATION OF THEIR OWN SOCIETY--HAVE BEEN BRUTALLY INTERRUPTED. THIS IS A WARNING THAT MUST NOT BE LOST ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERS, PARTICULARLY IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL YEAR," THE FREEDOM HOUSE STATEMENT DECLARED.

"WE SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, AND WE URGE THE COUNCIL TO VOICE THE HORROR OF WORLD OPINION OVER THE MILITARY ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS SATELLITES AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PREDICTABLE USE OF THE SOVIET VETO," THE STATEMENT SAID.

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