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PARIS, AUG. 22 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- CZECHOSLOVAKIAS
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, DR VILHELM PITHART, WAS AT THE FRENCH
FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS AFTERNOON TO INFORM THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE QUAI DORSAY OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN HIS COUNTRY.

DR. PITHART SUCCEEDED IN LEAVING CZECHOSLOVAKIA - WHERE
HE HAD BEEN ON HOLIDAY - VERY EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING. HE
ARRIVED AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN PARIS LATE LAST NIGHT.

THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAD ALREADY MADE ONE FIRST
REPORT TO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING THE SITUATION
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA YESTERDAY.

ACCORDING TO CZECHOSLOVAK SOURCES, THE VERY LAST
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DR PITHART AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD BEEN CUT. THE AMBASSADOR
SAID HE BELIEVED THAT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH PRAGUE
MIGHT BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT HEREAFTER, AND PARTICULARLY WITH
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH IS OCCUPIED.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN
MINISTRY, HERVE ALPHAND, EXPRESSED THE SYMPATHY OF THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT AND THE FRENCH POPULATION, IN HIS CON^NVERSATION WITH
DR PITHART.

ALPHAND ALSO HANDED HIM THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT
RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY FRANCE AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES
BEFORE THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE TEXT CONDEMNS THE ARMED INTERVENTION IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
THE WARSAW PACT AND DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF
ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE COUNTRY.

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