

LAGOS ENBOY'S STATEMENT

LAGOS, AUG.22, REUTER -CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL NOT "RECOGNISE ANY PUPPET GOVERNMENT WHICH MIGHT BE SET UP BY THE OCCUPANTS AGAINST THE WILL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE," ITS EMBASSY SAID HERE TODAY.

IN A PRESS STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE, INCLUDING THE SOVIET EMBASSY, THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY SAID ITS MEMBERS "RESOLUTELY DENOUNCE AND CONDEMN THE BRUTAL AND UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE WARSAW PACT FORCES....."

IT PLEDGED THE SUPPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS IN NIGERIA FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA AND PRIME MINISTER OLDRICH CERNIK AND THEIR SOCIALIST POLICIES.

THE EMBASSY SAID THE MILITARY OCCUPATION WAS "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, A BLATANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

IRAQI PAPERS PRAISE INVASION

BAGHDAD, AUG.22, REUTER -THE IRAQI STATE-RUN NEWSPAPERS AL-THAWRA AND AL-JUMHOURIYA TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ENTRY OF SOVIET AND OTHER WARSAW PACT FORCES INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AL-THAWRA SAID IN AN EDITORIAL: "WE FEEL CONFIDENCE AT THE ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY THE SOCIALIST STATES IN SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WHO WERE SUFFERING THE ORDEAL OF THE RIGHTIST INTRIGUE, BACKED BY WESTERN CAPITALISM AND WORLD ZIONISM. "

AL-JUMHOURIYA COMMENTED: "AT THE TIME WHEN IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST QUARTERS WEEP OVER WHAT THEY CALL THE VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAS SOVEREIGNTY, WE ASK WHERE THESE IMPERIALIST QUARTERS WERE AT THE TIME OF THE PERNICIOUS ZIONIST-IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THREE ARAB STATES FOR MORE THAN A YEAR."

LESOTHO CONDEMNS OCCUPATION

MASERU, LESOTHO, AUG.22, REUTER -THE LESOTHO GOVERNMENT TODAY CONDEMNED "IN THE STRONGEST TERMS" THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY WARSAW PACT FORCES.

A STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER LEABUA JONATHAN ADDED THAT THIS ACTION WAS "NOT ONLY A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY BUT ALSO TO THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE SMALL NATIONS."

IT CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES AND TO LEAVE THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "TO CHOOSE AND DETERMINE FOR THEMSELVES THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE."

MR. J.M. KENA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THIS SMALL COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST PARTY, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BRITISH PARENTS ANXIOUS

LONDON, AUG. 22, REUTER - ANXIOUS PARENTS WAITED IN VAIN TONIGHT FOR NEARLY 50 BRITISH STUDENTS DUE BACK FROM A HOLIDAY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE PARENTS GATHERED AT LONDONS VICTORIA STATION. BUT THE STUDENTS WERE NOT ON THE TWO TRAINS BRINGING CROSS-CHANNEL PASSENGERS.

A TOUR ORGANISER SAID HE WOULD ASK THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

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