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US - AFL-CIO DENOUNCES SOVIET INVASION

P-21 NEW YORK, AUGUST 23 (RFE SPECIAL/PETZALL)---AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY THURSDAY (8/22) DENOUNCED THE "DASTARDLY" INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS "SATELLITES" AND CALLED THE SOVIET ACTION A "VIOLATION OF THE U.N. CHARTER AND EVERY PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN DECENCY."

MR. MEANY, WHOSE FEDERATION REPRESENTS 13 MILLION AMERICAN TRADE UNION MEMBERS, IN A STATEMENT SAID THAT "THE BRUTAL INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA DEMONSTRATES WITHOUT QUESTION THE BLIND FEAR OF THE KREMLIN RULERS THAT THEIR OWN PEOPLE WOULD BE CONTAMINATED BY THE EXISTENCE OF FREE SPEECH AND A FREE PRESS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE AFL-CIO PRESIDENT SAID PRESIDENT JOHNSON CORRECTLY DEMANDED ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS ON "THIS BASIC VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

"OUR NATION SHOULD CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY," WHERE THE SOVIETS CANNOT EXERCISE A VETO MR. MEANY SAID, "SO THAT ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAN CLEARLY EXPRESS THEIR REACTION TO THE SOVIET AGGRESSION."

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