

P23, NEW YORK, AUGUST 23 (RFE SPECIAL/ZWADIUK)--THE ASSEMBLY OF CAPTIVE EUROPEAN NATIONS THURSDAY HERE ISSUED A STRONG STATEMENT CONDEMNING "THE SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, POLISH, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN MILITARY INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

"CZECHOSLOVAKIA DID NOT THREATEN OR ATTACK THE SOVIET UNION OR ANY SATELLITE REGIME. CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS NOT THREATENED OR ATTACKED BY ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY OUTSIDE THE WARSAW TREATY ALLIANCE. THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS FOUR SATELLITES WAS A FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA," THE DECLARATION SAID.

ACEN SAID IN ITS STATEMENT THAT THE SOVIET INVASION, AIDED BY "ITS MOST SUBSERVANT VASSALS," ONCE MORE COMMITTED "AN UNPROVOKED AND PRIMEDITATED AGGRESSION," AGAINST THE PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE U.S. BASED ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SOVIET ACTION "THE MOST RECENT VIOLENT ACT OF SOVIET IMPERIALISM AGAINST EUROPEAN AND WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY." THE STATEMENT ADDED THAT "THEY HAVE FLAGRANTLY VIOLATED THEIR BILATERAL AGREEMENT, THE WARSAW PACT, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW."

"THE SOVIET UNION, POSING AS AN ADVOCATE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, HAS BY ITS NEW AGGRESSION ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED ITS HYPOCRACY," ACEN CHARGED.

THE ASSEMBLY OF CAPTIVE EUROPEAN NATIONS "VOICING THE ASPIRATIONS TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NOW CAPTIVE ALBANIAN, BULGARIAN, CZECHOSLOVAK, ESTONIAN, HUNGARIAN, LATVIAN, LITHUANIAN, POLISH AND RUMANIAN PEOPLES," ISSUED THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS IN WHICH IT:

1. STRONGLY PROTESTS AND CONDEMNS THE SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, POLISH, HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN MILITARY INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA;

2. URGENTLY APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WESTERN POWERS TO CONVOKE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONDEMN THIS NEW AGGRESSION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND TO DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, POLISH HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND, IN THE EVENT OF SOVIET NON-COMPLIANCE, TO APPLY SANCTIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER;

3. APPEALS TO THE FREE WORLD TO RENDER ALL MORAL, DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS;

4. ASSURES THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF ITS UNSHAKEBLE SOLIDARITY AND DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE ITS STRUGGLE WITH SOVIET IMPERIALISM AND WOULD COMMUNISM UNTIL ALL CAPTIVE EUROPEAN NATIONS ARE FREE AND INDEPENDENT.

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