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P18, NEW YORK, AUGUST 23 (RFE SPECIAL/ZWADIUK)-- THE ILLINOIS DIVISION OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS WEDNESDAY IN CHICAGO STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY SOVIET AND OTHER WARSAW PACT TROOPS.

THE GROUP SAID IT WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED THAT POLISH TROOPS WERE INVOLVED IN THE INVASION, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN, TADEUSZ CLASEK.

"WE ARE DEEPLY TAKEN ABACK BY THE NEWS THAT TROOPS OF THE POLISH PEOPLES REPUBLIC TOOK PART AT THE SIDE OF THE SOVIET ARMY IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN ORDER TO REPRESS AND QUELL THE MOVE TOWARDS FREEDOM OF THAT NATION, AND SUBJUGATE (IT) AGAIN UNDER THE ABSOLUTE RULE OF RUSSIA.

WE CONDEMN MOST STRONGLY THIS SHAMEFUL ACT OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST TYRANTS OF THEIR AGENTS, RULING BY FORCE OF THE SHEER MILITARY POWER OF RUSSIA OVER THE NATIONS OF CENTRAL EUROPE."

IN A STATEMENT, THE GROUP ABSOLVED POLAND OF ANY BLAME, HOWEVER,

"WE DECLARE," THE GROUP STATED, "THAT THE POLISH NATION DOES NOT BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE IGNOMINIOUS ACT OF AGGRESSION IN WHICH POLISH SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO TAKE PART, BY THE REGIME RULING POLAND ONLY BY THE WILL OF THE KREMLIN."

THE ILLINOIS DIVISION OF THE PAC SAID IT REPRESENTED NOT ONLY THE IDEALS OF AMERICANS OF POLISH DESCENT, "BUT ALSO THOSE OF THE POLISH NATION, WHICH BY BRUTAL FORCE IS DEPRIVED OF A POSSIBILITY OF EXPRESSING ITS FEELINGS, ATTITUDES AND NATIONAL WILL.

"WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF POLAND," IT SAID, "WITH WHOM WE ARE JOINED BY THE TIES OF BROTHERLY FRIENDSHIP, AND SHARE THE TRADITIONS OF THE COUNTRY OF OUR FOREFATHERS."

THE GROUP SAID THAT "BY THIS CRIMINAL ACT, RUSSIA HAS PROVEN ONCE MORE THAT COMMUNISM IS FOR HER A VEHICLE AND TOOL OF HER IMPERIALISTIC AIMS. AND, AT THE SAME TIME, RUSSIA HAS PROVEN THAT THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM CAN REMAIN IN EXISTENCE ONLY BY THE USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE."

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