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NEW YORK;

(RFE SPECIAL/ZWADIUK)--A NATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION THURSDAY HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB HERE DURING WHICH IT ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND "OTHER FORMS OF PRESSURE" TO RALLY UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF INVADDED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"AMERICAN STUDENTS MUST SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF SELF DETERMINATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY VIGILS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE U.N. AND THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND AT LOCAL CITY HALLS," SAID DAVID A. KEENE, WHO WILL HEAD THE "STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM."

"THE CZECH PEOPLE TASTED FREEDOM FOR A MOMENT," KENNE SAID, "AND THE WORLD CAN NOT STAND BY AND SEE IT DESTROYED. THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IS THE ACTION OF AN IMPERIALISTIC NATION USING FORCE TO HANG ON TO ITS COLONIES."

MEXICO CITY:

(CNR/AGENCIES)-- FOREIGN MINISTER ANTONIO CARRILLO FLORES, COMMENTING ON THE SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAID THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DEPLORED THE USE OF VIOLENCE.

IT REGRETTED THAT "THE NOBLE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DO NOT HAVE THE ENFORCEMENT, STATUS AND STRENGTH WE DESIRE."

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THE GHANA GOVERNMENT SAID IT WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THE PRETEXT THAT THE OCCUPATION WAS AT THE INVITATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

"IT IS NO SECRET THAT FOR SOME TIME NOW THE LEADERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE BEEN BROWBEATEN AND INTIMIDATED TO ABANDON THEIR POLICY OF LIBERALISATION WHICH HAS ENJOYED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE," THE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT DEEPLY DEPLORES THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AN ACT FRAUGHT WITH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR WORLD PEACE, EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE (OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA) FOR THIS OMINOUS SITUATION WHICH CONFRONTS THEIR COUNTRY."

THE SOVIET UNION HAS ONLY RECENTLY REESTABLISHED A FULL MISSION IN GHANA FOLLOWING STRAINED RELATIONS AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF EX-PRESIDENT KWAME NKRUMAH IN FEB 1966.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR V.S. AFIONCHUK, THE FIRST AMBASSADOR SINCE THE COUP, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS IN MARCH.

CANADA:

IN OTTAWA, CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MITCHELL SHARP SAID TODAY CANADA WOULD GIVE "A SAFE HAVEN" TO ANY CZECH CITIZENS FLEEING THEIR INVADDED COUNTRY.

HE TOLD A DELEGATION REPRESENTING FOUR CANADIAN SLOVAK ORGANISATIONS THAT CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES WOULD BE WELCOMED IN CANADA WITH THE SAME WARMTH THAT WAS EXTENDED TO REFUGEES FOLLOWING THE 1956 REVOLT IN HUNGARY.

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