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X/13/CURT-DISSIDENT STUDENTS UNITE IN MONTREAL TO SUPPORT CZECHOSLOVAKS

o P25, MONTREAL, AUG 23 (RFE SPECIAL/ALLEN) DEMONSTRATORS FROM THE POLITICAL LEFT AND RIGHT FORMED A TEMPORARY ALLIANCE WEDNESDAY IN MONTREAL AS A RESULT OF THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A CROWD OF ABOUT 300 PEOPLE MARCHED OUTSIDE THE RUSSIAN CONSULATE IN MONTREAL CARRYING SIGNS SUCH AS "VIVE DUBCEK" AND "FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE LEFT WING MONTREAL STUDENTS WHILE OTHERS WERE IMMIGRANTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO HAD FLED THE ORIGINAL COMMUNIST REGIME IN THAT COUNTRY SOME YEARS AGO.

FOLLOWING THE DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE RUSSIAN CONSULATE SOME OF THE SAME PEOPLE AND OTHERS WENT TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CONSULATE TO SHOW THEIR SYMPATHY. MONTREAL POLICE REPORTED THURSDAY MORNING ONLY TWO ARRESTS. THEY SAID THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ORDERLY ON THE WHOLE.

A CLOSE GUARD HOWEVER WAS KEPT ON THE RUSSIAN CONSULATE DURING THE DAY SINCE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF WEDNESDAY ROCKS WERE HURLED AT THE BUILDING AND SOME WINDOWS WERE BROKEN.

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