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A LONG RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT DECLARATION, QUOTED BY AGERPRESS, ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO JUSTIFICATION FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER.

IN BELGRADE, A CROWD OF MORE THAN 200,000 PEOPLE STAGED A RALLY IN THE CITY CENTRED LAST NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

YUGOSLAVIA FILED A STRONG STATEMENT AT THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPYING FORCES.

IT SAID ARMED INTERVENTION WAS "A GROSS VIOLATION" OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE U.N. CHARTER.

A SEVEN-NATION DEMAND IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPYING FORCES LAST NIGHT HIGHLIGHTED WESTERN CONDEMNATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION. THE RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE, CANADA, DENMARK, BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED TO RECOGNISE THE DUBCEK REGIME AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

CROWDS OF DEMONSTRATORS MASSED NEAR SOVIET EMBASSIES IN THE HAGUE, BERNE AND OTTAWA LAST NIGHT TO PROTEST THE RUSSIAN ACTION AND IN BRUSSELS THE BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DEMANDED A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TOOK PART IN PRO-CZECHOSLOVAK DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT WEST GERMANY LAST NIGHT. THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUED A NEW CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET ACTION WHILE OTHER CRITICISM CAME FROM THE BRITISH, FINNISH AND DANISH COMMUNIST PARTIES. (MORE) DJG/LA 0700/68 AUG 23 