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X/13 C/S - SWEDISH CP LEADR: PUT SWEDISH-SOVIET RELATIONS ON ICE

STOCKHOLM, AUG 23 (CNR/RFE SPECIAL PUERRE)- SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER C.H. HERMANSSON HAS SAID SWEDISH-SOVIET RELATIONS "SHOULD BE PUT ON ICE" AND THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW RECALLED.

HERMANSSON WAS COMMENTING LAST NIGHT ON THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHSLOVAKIA BY SOVIET AND FOUR WARSAW PACT PARTNERS.

HERMANSSON SAID:

"A GOVERNMENT THAT COMMITS SUCH A DESPICABLE ACT AS THE SO-VIET GOVERNMENT NOW HAS DONE BY THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHOULD RESIGN IN MY OPINION. IT COMPROMISES THE IDEALS OF COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM."

ASKED WHAT SWEDEN SHOULD DO TO MARK ITS DISAPPROVAL,

HERMANSSON SAID:

"WE SHOULD PUT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON ICE. OUR AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW SHOULD BE RECALLED."

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