

DOWNING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS

LONDON AUGUST 23 - (RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--MORE THAN 1,000 CHANTING DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO DOWNING STREET LAST NIGHT AFTER A CZECH-LANGUAGE "TALK-IN" IN A STREET FRINGING HYDE PARK.

THEY CHANTED "THE CZECHS MUST BE FREE" AND "RUSSIAN FASCISTS OUT."

POLICE HALTED THEM AT THE ENTRANCE TO DOWNING STREET BUT FOUR YOUNG CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE PERMITTED TO HAND IN A PETITION AT NO. 10, THE PRIME MINISTERS RESIDENCE, CALLING ON THE U.N. TO INTERVENE. THEY DISPERSED QUIETLY AFTER SINGING THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ANTHEM.

FAST BEGINS

LONDON, AUGUST 23--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--TWO DEMONSTRATORS HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST NIGHT OF AN ANNOUNCED WEEK-LONG FAST OUTSIDE THE LOCKED IRON GATES LEADING TO THE PRIVATE ROAD WHERE THE RUSSIAN AND CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSIES ARE LOCATED.

"I BEGAN MY FAST YESTERDAY AND SHALL BE HERE FOR SEVEN DAYS -- UNLESS THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CHANGES FOR THE BETTER" SAID MISS PAT ARROWSMITH, 38, ANDREW WRIGHT, 23, SAID HE WOULD LAST OUT AS LONG AS HE COULD.

DEBRE TO SEE CZECH AMBASSADOR TODAY

PARIS AUG. 23 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP-OVAIA) ----- FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE WILL RECEIVE THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, DR VILHELM PITHART, THIS AFTERNOON AT THE QUAI DORSAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN PARIS FRIDAY.

AMBASSADOR PITHART, WHO SUCCEEDED IN LEAVING CZECHOSLOVAKIA -WHERE HE HAD BEEN ON HOLIDAY - EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, WILL BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT DE GAULLE AT NOON TOMORROW.

TOMORROW AFTERNOON, DE GAULLE PRESIDES AN EXTRAORDINARY CABINET MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AMBASSADOR PITHART INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS COUNTRY.

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