

X/13 CURT - CSSR CITIZENS IN HELSINKI CONDEMN INVASION

HELSINKI, AUG. 23 (RFESPECIAL/RIDALA) -- THE PERSONNEL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIONS IN FINLAND, ALONG WITH PRIVATE CSSR CITIZENS, TODAY PUBLISHED A MESSAGE WHICH THEY SAID THEY SENT YESTERDAY TO THEIR HOME GOVERNMENT.

IT READ:

"TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, ENGINEER O. CIERNIK, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, COMRADE DUBCEK, THE PRASIDIUM OF THE 14TH EXTRA PARTY CONGRESS, PRAGUE:

"WE WORKERS OF THE FOREIGN REPRESENTATIONS OPERATING IN HELSINKI AND OF ITS COMMERCIAL SECTIONS, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS STAYING HERE, WHO HAVE MET ON AUG. 22, 1968, AT AN OPEN MEETING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, CONDEMN THE ATTACK BY THE SOVIET UNION, EAST GERMANY, POLAND, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA, THE FIVE COUNTRIES OF THE WRASAW PACT WHO GROSSLY VIOLATED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

"WE PROTEST AGAINST THE UNJUST AND UNFOUNDED OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE TROOPS OF THE NAMED COUNTRIES. WE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, COMRADE SVOBODA, THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND ITS LEADER, COMRADE DUBCEK, THE GOVERNMENT OF COMRADE CIERNIK, AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LED BY COMRADE SMYRKOSKI.

"WE FULLY AGREE WITH ALL POINTS OF THE PROCLAMATION GIVEN ON AUG. 21, 1968, BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND DEMAND IN PARTICULAR AND FOREMOST THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPATION TROOPS AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE OCCUPATION.

"SECONDLY, WE DEMAND THE RESTORATION OF FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR SOCIALIST STATE, THIRDLY THE IMMEDIATE CREATION OF NORMAL WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL ORGANS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"FOURTHLY, WE FURTHERMORE DEMAND THAT NO OTHER GOVERNMENT THAN THAT ONE ELECTED UNDER FREE AND DEMOCRATIC CONDITIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL PRINCIPLES OF OUR CONSTITUTION WILL BE SET UP IN ANY FORM," THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED.

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