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BONN, AUG. 23 (RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT) -- THE AWARD OF THE NEXT NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, ALEXANDER DUBCEK, WAS PROPOSED TODAY BY THE EUROPA UNION, THE WEST GERMAN BRANCH OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT.

IN A PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED HERE TODAY, THE ORGANIZATION SAID THAT "DUBCEK'S PERSON AND ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LINKED WORLDWIDE WITH THE HOPE FOR OVERCOMING THE POWER AND SOCIAL-POLITICAL BISECTION OF OUR CONTINENT."

THE EUROPA UNION APPEALED TO ALL FREE WORLD GOVERNMENTS TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION FROM ANY GOVERNMENT IMPOSED ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

IT ALSO CALLED ON THE BONN GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH ITS ALLIES FOR A DECLARATION THAT NATO WOULD BE EXTENDED IN "RENEWED AND STRENGTHENED FORM" BEYOND 1969. BONN ALSO IS TO SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR A POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMUNITY OF EUROPE.

OTHER PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE ORGANIZATION INCLUDE AN IMMEDIATE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE EEC COUNTRIES AND THE FREEZING OF FURTHER ACTION ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

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