

C/S - 5TH ADD INTRO: CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION (CN 230) XXX SITUATION

(UPI)- IN THE HAGUE SEVEN DUTCH RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS PUBLISHED A STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAYING THAT IT PUT AN END TO THE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZATION THERE.

THE CHURCHES--BAPTIST, LUTHERAN, OLD-CATHOLIC (ANGLICAN), QUAKERS, DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH, REMONSTRANT BROTHERHOOD AND ROMAN-CATHOLIC--URGED THE FAITHFUL TO PRAY FOR THE CZECH PEOPLE, "WHO ARE GOING THROUGH ANOTHER OF THEIR MANY ODEALS."

IN ROME CZECH MOVIE DIRECTOR JIRI WEISS, 55, ASKED ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM, POLICE SAID.

WEISS, WHO WAS IN ITALY FOR THE SHOWING OF ONE OF HIS FILMS AT THE TAORMINA FESTIVAL, SAID HE DECIDED TO STAY IN ITALY AFTER HEARING OF HIS COUNTRY'S OCCUPATION.

IN GENEVA THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) WHICH HAS A WORLDWIDE MEMBERSHIP OF TEN MILLION SENT A PROTEST CABLE TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT CONDEMNING THE INVASION.

THE CABLE DECLARED IMF'S "INDIGNATION AT THE BRUTAL VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL PEOPLES, AS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS."

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