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NEW YORK AUGUST 23 (UPI)--ABOUT 15 YOUNG MEMBERS OF A RADICAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION CALLED "THE RESISTANCE "TODAY STORMED AND "ATTEMPTED TO OCCUPY" THE NEW YORK OFFICES OF TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET PRESS AGENCY AT 50 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA WITH A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION, AND ONLY PARTIAL SUCCESS.

THE GROUP OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE CONVERGED ON THE TASS OFFICES FROM NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA, BRINGING A "STATEMENT OF SYMPATHY FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THEY ALSO BROUGHT THEIR OWN TELETYPE OPERATOR AND INSISTED THAT THE MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO MOSCOW AND TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE TROUBLE WAS, THAT EVEN AFTER THE TASS NEWSPAPER MEN AGREED TO LET THE RESISTANCE OPERATOR TRANSMIT HIS STATEMENT, HE WAS UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS MISSION, BECAUSE HE COULDN'T OPERATE THE CYRILLIC LETTERING ON THE MACHINE TASS OFFERED HIM.

SO, IN THE END, A TASS OPERATOR PUNCHED A TAPE FOR THE MESSAGE, AND HARRY FREEDMAN, THE ASSISTANT TASS BUREAU MANAGER, AN AMERICAN, SMILINGLY ASSURED THE PROTESTORS THAT THE MESSAGE WOULD BE SENT LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

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