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PARIS AUG. 24 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR
TO FRANCE, VILHELM PITHART, SAID SATURDAY THAT PRESIDENT
DE GAULLE "COMPLETELY APPROVES" CZECHOSLOVAK DEMANDS FOR
THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPATION
FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS 40-MINUTE
CONVERSATION WITH THE FRENCH LEADER, AMBASSADOR PITHART SAID
THAT DE GAULLE HAD ALSO "ENTIRELY APPROVED THE CZECHSLOVAKS
DEMANDS FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL LIBERATION
OF OUR LEADERS".

"PRESIDENT DE GAULLE BELIEVES", DR PITHART TOLD
NEWSPAPER MEN IN THE COURTYARD OF THE ELYSEE PALACE, "THAT
THE COHESION OF THE CZECH AND THE SLOVAK PEOPLES IS
THE GUARANTEE FOR OUR SUCCESS".

DR PITHART SAID HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT DE GAULLE ABOUT
THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY AND HAD INFORMED HIM OF THE
"FIRM UNITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE".

HE HAD ALSO TOLD PRESIDENT DE GAULLE THAT THE
CZECHSLOVAKS WERE MAKING THREE "FUNDAMENTAL" DEMANDS:
FIRST, THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL LIBERATION OF OUR
POLITICAL LEADERS, SECOND, THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL
WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES AND, FINALLY, A GUARANTEE
FOR THE "NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS".

PRESIDENT DE GAULLE HAD EXPRESSED HIS "COMPLETE
APPROVAL" OF THE DEMANDS CONCERNING THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONCTIONAL
LIBERATION OF THE CZCHOSLOVAK LEADERS AND THE IMMEDIATE AND
UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION ARMIES. AMBASSADOR
PITHART SAID.

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