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C/S - PROTEST MARCH IN LONDON

LONDON, AUG 24, REUTER - HUNDREDS OF DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED IN CENTRAL LONDON TODAY TO PROTEST AT THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA--LATEST IN A SERIES OF PROTESTS IN BRITAIN SINCE THE SOVIET ACTION.

THE DEMONSTRATORS PLAN TO MARCH ON THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND POLICE HEADQUARTERS SAID SEVERAL HUNDRED POLICE WERE STANDING BY IN CASE OF ANY DISTURBANCE.

THE IRON GATES OF A PRIVATE ROAD LEADING TO THE EMBASSY WERE LOCKED. THE GATES ARE ALREADY PLASTERED WITH ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS LEFT BY DEMONSTRATORS DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS.

PEOPLE FILED INTO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY--NEAR THE SOVIET BUILDING--THROUGHOUT THE MORNING TO SIGN A PETITION SUPPORTING THE DUBCEK REGIME.

EIGHT MEN WERE FINED HERE TODAY AFTER INCIDENTS AT A SOVIET TRADE EXHIBITION YESTERDAY IN WHICH STINK BOMBS WERE THROWN AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED.

DR. MICHAEL RAMSAY, THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, LED PRAYERS IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY HERE TODAY FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

IN BRISTOL, WEST ENGLAND, COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS AND MEMBERS OF A PEACE MOVEMENT MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS WAVING BANNERS READING "RUSSIAN TROOPS GO HOME."

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