

X/4 C/S - SOVIET TROOPS OCCUPY CHARLES UNIVERSITY

MUNICH, AUG.24 (CMD)- RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTS THAT THE RECTOR OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE HAS PROTESTED AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF THE UNIVERSITY BY SOVIET TROOPS.

THE RADIO SAID RECTOR OLDRICH STARY HAS ISSUED A DECLARATION THAT SAID:

"CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE, ONE OF THE OLDEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD AND THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN THE SLAVONIC WORLD, WAS YESTERDAY OCCUPIED BY SOVIET TROOPS IN A BARBARIC MANNER...

"CHARLES UNIVERSITY, TRUE TO ITS GREAT PROGRESSIVE AND HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS, WHICH EMBODY THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE OF THE CZECH NATION AND REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD SCIENCE, WILL NEVER SURRENDER TO ANY FORCE.

"THE HISTORY OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE VICTORY OF VIOLENCE IS NEVER MORE THAN TEMPORARY AND THAT THE FORCE OF SCIENTIFIC TRUTH AND HUMANITY CANNOT RPT CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY BE FOUGHT AGAINST BY MAN."

THE DECLARATION -- WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BROADCASTS OF RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- CALLED ON UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF THE UNIVERSITY.

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN ENGLISH/F, AUG.24; 1153)

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