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VIENNA, AUG 24 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- FOLLOWING THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONDEMNATION FRIDAY OF THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, OTHER COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOWED SUIT ON SATURDAY.

A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTYS FUNCTIONARIES AND ACTIVISTS IN VIENNA DECLARED:

"WE ARE UNABLE TO SEE ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WE DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATION IN THE LOWER AUSTRIAN PROVINCE APPROVED THE PARTYS CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS AND A RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNITY. IN ADDITION, THE PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION SENT LETTERS OF PROTEST TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COMMUNIST PARTIES.

THE LETTERS, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ALSO PROTEST AGAINST THE DETENTION OF LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK STATE, GOVERNMENT AND PARTY FUNCTIONARIES AND DEMAND THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

A LETTER, EXPRESSING THE LOWER AUSTRIAN PROVINCE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANIZATIONS SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND POPULATION, WAS SENT TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION IN VIENNA.

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