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LONDON AUGUST 24--(RFE SPECIAL/RACIESKI)--
ANTONI LUDWINSKI, DIRECTOR OF THE POLISH CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL FAIR SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN GLASGOW
AUGUST 30, SAID YESTERDAY THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD
IN SPITE OF SCOTTISH PROTESTS AGAINST THE PARTICIPATION
OF POLISH TROOPS IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

LUDWINSKI SAID "AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED,
THE EXHIBITION IS GOING AHEAD.
I AM HERE TO BUILD UP TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
AND I SEE NO REASON WHY TRADE SHOULD STOP BECAUSE OF THIS
SITUATION."

JOHN JOHNSTONE, THE LORD PROVOST (MAYOR)
OF GLASGOW, THURSDAY SUMMONED POLISH CONSUL JULIUSZ
BIALY TO TELL HIM THE INVASION WAS "A FLAGRANT VIOLATION
OF CIVILIZED BEHAVIOR" AND SUGGEST THAT THE EXHIBITION
BE CANCELLED. HOWEVER, THE LORD PROVOST SAID A
DECISION ON THIS WAS ENTIRELY UP TO THE POLISH OFFICIALS

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