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VIENNA, AUG 24 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- AUSTRIAN POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE SOCIALIST ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PROTESTED AGAINST THE INVASION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AGAINST "THE SUPPRESSION OF THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS" IN A RESOLUTION PUBLISHED IN VIENNA ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

THE SOCIALIST RESOLUTION APPEALED TO THE AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FEDERATION TO DISCONTINUE ALL CONTACTS TO STUDENTS ORGANIZATIONS IN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS, ESPECIALLY TOURISTS STRANDED IN AUSTRIA, MET IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK VIENNA LEGATION BUILDING ON FRIDAY AND SENT A RESOLUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT PROTESTING AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THE RESOLUTION, SIGNED BY SOME 200 CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS, DEMANDS THE UNITED NATIONS INTERVENTION FOR THE DETAINED LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK STATE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY REPRESENTATIVES.

DESPITE SUMMER SEASON, RAINY WEATHER AND UNIVERSITY VACATIONS, A DEMONSTRATION OF AUSTRIAN AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VOICING THEIR PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAD TAKEN PLACE IN GRAZ ON FRIDAY.

THE DEMONSTRATION, ORGANIZED BY THE GRAZ UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ORGANIZATION AND BY THE GRAZ UNIVERSITIES HEADS, PROFESSOR ZEHR AND PROFESSOR SATTLER, MARCHED THROUGH GRAZ WITH PLACARDS CRITICIZING SOVIET INTERVENTION AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE GRAZ COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATED IN THE DEMONSTRATION.

IN ADDITION, THE GRAZ YOUNG COMMUNISTS PASSED A RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY BY THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

A SIMILAR RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY THE AUSTRIAN RULING CONSERVATIVE PEOPLES PARTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

THE RESOLUTION APPEALS TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO CANCEL THE VISIT OF HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER JENOE FOCK WHO IS EXPECTED TO COME TO AUSTRIA ON SEPTEMBER 10TH.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRIAN VETERANS FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WAR - REPRESENTING SOME 250,000 MEMBERS - PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY A PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY.

THE AUSTRIAN LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS APPEALED TO THE "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS" - CONVENING AT PRESENT IN STOCKHOLM - TO CONDEMN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TO DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS THE RELEASE OF ALL CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND PARTY REPRESENTATIVES.

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