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C/S -- EAST GERMAN RADIO MAN SEEKS ASYLUM IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, AUG 25 (UPI)--AN EAST GERMAN RADIO CORRESPONDENT ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM HERE TODAY, AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE SOVIETLED ASSAULT AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HANS WACHHOLZ RESIGNED FROM HIS POST AS THE EAST GERMAN RADIO CORRESPONDENT TO SWEDEN AND ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BECAUSE OF THE "TREMENDOUS TRAGEDY" CAUSED BY THE FIVE EAST BLOC-STATES INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"DESPITE ALL SET BACKS AND LIMITATIONS I HAD HOPED FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND HUMANITY BELONGED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM AND I HAD HOPED THIS WOULD BE PRACTICED JUST IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," WACHHOLZ SAID WHEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION .

WACHHOLZ SAID HE HAD CONTACTED THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE TO EXPRESS HIS SYMPATHY WITH THE CZECH AND SLOVAKIAN PEOPLE.

HE SAID HE STILL CONSIDERED HIMSELF A COMMUNIST OR A SOCIALIST.

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