

P1 CHICAGO, AUG 25 (RFE SPECIAL/TRIMBLE)--ACROSS A SUN-DRENCHED SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, A CZECHOSLOVAKIAN-AMERICAN CHORUS SANG THE "LARGO" FROM DVORAK'S NEW WORLD SYMPHONY SATURDAY. IN ENGLISH IT IS TITLED "GOING HOME," AND IT WAS TOWARD PRAGUE WHERE THE THOUGHTS OF SOME 500 CHICAGO CZECHOSLOVAKIAN-AMERICANS AND OTHER EAST EUROPEANS WERE TURNED.

AT A RALLY SPONSORED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA, FORMER ILLINOIS GOVERNOR OTT KERNER, OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ORIGIN, TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE SOVIET MOVE INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS "EVIDENCE OF THE INSECURITY OF MOSCOW AND COMMUNISM."

AND ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN ROMAN C. PUCINSKI DREW CHEERS WHEN HE CALLED FOR PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SUSPEND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION "AND OTHER INVADERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA" AND CUT OFF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THEM UNTIL "COMMUNIST TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN."

A HAND-PAINTED SIGN BEARING THE CZECHOSLOVAK FLAG WITH THE WORDS "IS THIS WHAT YOU MEAN BY A GOOD LIFE?" DRAWN OVER IT WAVED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CROWD IN FRONT OF THE CHICAGO CIVIC CENT.

REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD DERWINSKI, AN ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN, TOLD THE CROWD NOT TO BELIEVE THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN SOLDIERS IN THE MOVE MEANT THAT THE PEOPLE OF POLAND, HUNGARY, AND BULGARIA APPROVED OF WHAT THE ARMIES DID.

HE URGED THEM TO HELP "KEEP THE SPOTLIGHT OF ATTENTION" ON THE UNITED NATIONS DEBATE, NOT IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THE ORGANIZATION COULD MOVE EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE SOVIETS, BUT BECAUSE IT WAS "THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROPAGANDA FORUM AT WHICH THE WORLD CAN DENOUNCE THE SOVIET UNION."

"RUSSIAN TANKS CAN NEVER ROLL OVER THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM THAT BUILT THAT GREAT NATION (OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA)," ILLINOIS GOVERNOR SAMUEL SHAPIRO SAID. FORMER ILLINOIS DEMOCRATIC SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS SAID THAT UNTIL THE SOVIETS RETURN HOME, NO AMERICAN SHOULD TRAVEL IN THE USSR OR EASTERN EUROPE.

A PROCLAMATION WAS PREPARED FOR THE RALLY CALLING ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT TO RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IMPOSES, AND URGING END OF MOST-FAVORED NATION TREATMENT TO NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MOVE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 250,000 PERSONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EXTRACTION IN THE CHICAGO AREA, THE LARGEST SUCH CONCENTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES. AMONG THEM TODAY -- LISTENING TO A CHORUS SING THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER AND "KDE DOMOV MUJ" AND "NAD TATROU SE BLISKA" -- WERE 25-YEAR-OLD ALEXANDER PROKOP WHO CAME HERE 14 YEARS AGO FROM PARDUBICE. HE IS A RESEARCH ENGINEER AND SAID HE PUT ASIDE PLANS TO GO SAILING THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON TO ATTEND.

KATHERINE TESAR, WHOSE PARENTS BROUGHT HER HERE 20 YEARS AGO FROM BRATISLAVA, DROVE 75 MILES TO CHICAGO FROM WISCONSIN WHERE SHE WORKS AS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER WHILE HER HUSBAND ATTENDS A UNIVERSITY. "HE IS CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ALSO," SHE SAID, "AND HE IS STUDYING MARKETING. HE HAD HOPES THAT THIS TYPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUE WOULD BE USED INCREASINGLY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

KATHERINE SQUINTED INTO THE SUN. "I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE RUSSIANS WERE A LITTLE SMARTER THAN THIS," SHE SAID.

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