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MUNICH, AUGUST 25 (GND/MACDONALD)- WEST GERMAN TELEVIEWERS LAST NIGHT HEARD AN EAST GERMAN IN PRAGUE EXPRESS SHAME THAT GERMAN TROOPS HAD AGAIN INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE EAST GERMAN, WHO CARRIED A PLACARD DECLARING "FOR THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NEUTRALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA", WAS INTERVIEWED IN A PRAGUE STREET BY WEST GERMAN TV REPORTER HEINZ MID ITZKY.

ASKED WHY HE WAS DOING THIS, THE EAST GERMAN REPLIED:

"BECAUSE I AM VERY ASHAMED THAT GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE ONCE AGAIN IN THIS COUNTRY. PERHAPS I CAN ALSO DO SOME GOOD IF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, OR AT LEAST SOME CITIZENS, SEE THAT NOT ALL GERMANS THINK AS THE LEADERS OF THE GDR."

THE REPORTER ASKED THE EAST GERMAN IF HE HAD SEEN ANY EAST GERMAN TROOPS IN PRAGUE. "NOT YET," HE REPLIED.

AT THIS POINT, A PASSING CZECHOSLOVAK INTERVENED IN THE DISCUSSION. HE SAID: "YOU WANT TO SEE THEM -- THE GERMAN SOLDIERS? THEN GO TO KARLOVY VARY, YOU'LL SEE THEM THERE, YOUR GERMAN SOLDIERS."

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