

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CONDEMNS OCCUPATION

PARIS AUG. 25 (AFP) --- DR NAHUM GOLDMANN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

"THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS INFORMS THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF THE SHOCK IT FEELS BEFORE THE NEW TRAGEDY THAT AFFLICTS IT AND SENDS IT THE PROFOUND, STRICKEN SYMPATHY OF JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE PAY HOMAGE TO THIS EXEMPLARY NATION WHICH, FOR THE THIRD TIME THIS CENTURY, IS ENGAGED IN AN UNEQUAL AND HEROIC BATTLE TO DEFEND ITS RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND FOR THE FREEDOM OF ITS CITIZENS.

KEEPING IN MEMORY THE SUFFERINGS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE UNDER THE NAZI OCCUPATION, THE MEMORY OF WHICH IS STILL PAINFULLY ALIVE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE JEWISH PEOPLE CALLS INDIGNANT ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF EAST-GERMAN TROOPS AMONG TODAY'S INVADERS.

AT THIS TRAGIC HOUR, WE PRAY THAT THE CZECH PEOPLE, SO KEENLY ATTACHED TO PEACE, SHALL BE RAPIDLY FREED FROM FOREIGN DOMINATION AND OCCUPATION AND THAT IT SHALL BE ABLE TO PURSUE, IN FULL FREEDOM AND CONFORMING TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS HOPES FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND HAPPINESS".

PARIS GROUP GETS PRO-PRAGUE SIGNATURES

PARIS AUG. 25 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE HAS OPENED A CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT FRANCE TO COLLECT SIGNATURES IN FAVOR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

LAST NIGHT, SOME 3,000 PARISIANS SIGNED FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITHIN TWO HOURS ON THE CHAMPS ELYSEES, THE COMMITTEE SAID.

TODAY, REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE COMMITTEE ARE COLLECTING SIGNATURES IN FRONT OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL AND AGAIN ON THE CHAMPS ELYSEES.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WAS CREATED TWO DAYS AGO BY SEVERAL LEADING GAULLIST PERSONALITIES AS WELL AS BY A GROUP OF WELL-KNOWN FRENCH ARTISTS AND INTELLECTUALS.

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