

X/13 CSSR - SWEDEN CONTINUES DEMONSTRATING FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

STOCKHOLM, AUG. 25 - (RFE SPECIAL/PURRE) - DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTINUE UNABATED IN SWEDEN.

A MASS MEETING FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOOK PLACE SATURDAY NIGHT IN SERGEL SQUARE IN THE CENTER OF STOCKHOLM. IT WAS ARRANGED BY THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE LIBERAL, CENTER AND CONSERVATIVE PARTIES, WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES HAD COLLECTED OVER 10,000 SIGNATURES TO AN APPEAL OF "SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA" DURING THE DAY. THE SIGNATURES WERE DELIVERED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY AFTER THE MEETING.

EVER SINCE WEDNESDAY CZECHOSLOVAK FLAGS ARE A COMMON SIGHT IN THE STOCKHOLM STREETS. THEY ARE CARRIED BY SMALLER OR LARGER YOUTH GROUPS TOGETHER WITH PLACARDS CONDEMNING THE OCCUPATION. DEMONSTRATIONS OCCUR ALMOST HOURLY IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSIES AND TURIST OFFICES OF THE WARSAW PACT POWERS. THE WRITING PLANK AT "SPEAKERS CORNER" IN CENTRAL STOCKHOLM IS FULL OF ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS, SOME OF THEM UNPRINTABLE.

SATURDAY THE "YOUTH PEACE LEAGUE", A PACIFIST ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED TO THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, CALLED IN A DECLARATION THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND A CRIME AGAINST MANKIND, ENDANGERING WORLD PEACE" AND DEMANDED AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATIONAL FORCES.

AN ACTION GROUP FOR A FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS FORMED IN STOCKHOLM SATURDAY. ITS MEMBERS ARE PROMINENT SWEDES AND EXILE LEADERS FROM THE SOVIET-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES, HEADED BY THE FAMOUS SWEDISH AUTHOR WILHELM MOBERG.

TODAY THE CITY OF VASTERAAS IS DISPLAYING ON MOST BUILDINGS A SWEDISH FLAG AT HALF-MAST. THIS DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWED UPON AN APPEAL FROM DEAN GUNNAR HELANDER TO SHOW "SYMPATHY WITH THE CRUEL FATE THAT HAS BEFALLEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THE CITY IS ONE OF SWEDEN'S MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL CENTERS WHERE MANY EAST EUROPEANS, PRIMARILY HUNGARIAN EXILES, ARE EMPLOYED.

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