

X/13 CS - BRITISH LABOR PARTY RALLY CONDEMNS CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION
LONDON, AUG 25 (RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)-LEADING MEMBERS OF THE
BRITISH LABOR PARTY TODAY CONDEMNED THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF
CZEDHOSLOVAKIA AND CALLED ON THE INVADERS TO WITHDRAW THEIR
TROOPS.

DEPUTY PARTY LEADER GEORGE BROWN, CHAIRMAN JENNIE LEE,
AND CABINET MINISTER RICHARD CROSSMAN DENOUNCED THE INVASION IN
SPEECHES TO A MASS PARTY RALLY IN LONDONS HYDE PARK WHICH WAS
FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY HECKLERS FROM LEFTWING GROUPS STAGING
THEIR OWN RALLIES TO PROTEST THE INVASION AND DEMONSTRATORS
DEMANDING THAT BRITAIN END ARMS SALES TO FEDERAL NIGERIA.

AT ONE POINT THE BIAFRAN DEMONSTRATORS BROKE THROUGH A
POLICE CORDON SURROUNDING THE SPEAKERS PLATFORM TO JEER AND
HECKLE THE SPEAKERS.

BUT THE RALLY ENDED ON A NOTE A SOLIDARITY WHEN BROWN AND
MISS LESS CALLED FOR UNANIMOUS PROTESTS AGAINST THE INVASION.

MISS LEE ASKED AND GOT UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FROM THE
LABOR PARTY MEMBERS AT THE RALLY FOR A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE
"THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT
AND CERTAIN OF HER ALLIES IN INVADING CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE RESOLUTIONS SAID THE PARTY "CONSIDERS THIS ACTION A FLAGRANT
VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND A BLATANT
INTERFERENCE WITH THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF AN INDEPENDENT
STATE."

BROWN, THE FORMER FOREIGN SECRETARY, WAS GIVEN STORMY
APPLAUSE WHEN HE SAID "WE DONT WANT TO LAY DOWN THE LAW
ABOUT CZECH-SOVIET RELATIONS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO TURN THIS
INTO AN ANTI-COMMUNIST AFFAIR" BUT THE SOVIETS MUST WITHDRAW
THEIR TROOPS AND SEEK AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT.

"THIS CANNOT BE SNUFFED OUT BY TANKS IN ONE COUNTRY AFTER
ANOTHER" BROWN SAID, THE SOVIETS MUST FEEL THE PRESSURES FOR
CHANGE AND FOR NEW IDEAS.