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LONDON , AUG 25 (RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)-SOME 2,500 DEMONSTRATORS DEMANDING FREEDOM FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA MARCHED TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN LONDON TODAY AFTER MASS RALLIES IN HYDE PARK TO PROTEST AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT INVASION.

LONDON POLICE, WHO HAVE BEEN GUARDING THE EMBASSY SINCE THE INVASION TOOK PLACE, CLOSED THE GATES OF THE PRIVATE STREET LON WHICH BOTH THE SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSIES STAND AND KEPT THE BULK OF THE DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE.

BUT OTHERS MANAGED TO GET AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY AND SOME STOOD ON THE WALL AROUND THE NEARBY CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY.

THE DEMONSTRATORS, SOME OF THEM MEMBERS OF THE FAR-LEFT VIETNAM SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE AND THE ANTI-NUCLEAR COMMITTEE OF 100, HAD MARCHED FROM HYDE PARK WHERE THEY STAGED THEIR OWN PROTEST RALLIES AFTER A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY HEARD PARTY LEADERS DENOUNCE THE INVASION AND CALL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING TROOPS.

SPEAKERS GEORGE BROWN , THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE PARTY, MISS JENNIE LEE, PARTY CHAIRMAN, AND CABINET MINISTERS RICHARD CROSSMAN, WERE FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY HECKLERS FROM THE RIVAL RALLIES AND BY DEMONSTRATORS CALLING ON BRITAIN TO HALT ARMS SALES TO FEDERAL NIGERIA.

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