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CS - BERTRAND RUSSELL PROTESTS TO BREZHNEV (RELEADS CN 152)

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - THE LEFT-WING BRITISH PHILOSOPHER, BERTRAND RUSSELL, TONIGHT CABLED THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE CABLE READ:

"THE LEFT CANNOT RECOGNISE NEGOTIATION WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA UNDER DURESS, THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND OCCUPATION BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TROOPS ARE ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE.

"THE SOVIET OCCUPATION MUST END AT ONCE. THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIPS PRINCIPLES AND MASSIVE POPULARITY ENSURE THAT THE THREAT OF THE RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A COMPLETE MYTH.

"ELEMENTARY LIBERTIES ARE NOT A THREAT TO SOCIALISM BUT FUNDAMENTAL INGREDIENTS.

"SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA STRENGTHENS REACTIONARY FORCES IN THE WEST AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD," IT CONCLUDED.

(A RADIO STATION CALLING ITSELF "THE FREE LEGAL CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO, THE STATION IN PILSEN," WAS HEARD TODAY APPEALING TO THE BRITISH PHILOSOPHER TO "HELP US SAVE OUR FREEDOM."

(IT SAID EARL RUSSELLS WARNING OF A SOVIET OCCUPATION HAD BECOME "AN INCREDIBLE REALITY.")

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