

X/13 CS --- PEACE FRONT CONDEMNS INVASION

PARIS, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS)--THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED "FRENCH PEACE MOVEMENT" HAS DECLARED ITS "CATEGORIC OPPOSITION" TO THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIS IS AN ACTION, IT SAYS IN A PARIS STATEMENT, THAT DAMAGES THE CAUSE OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

THE FRENCH GROUP, AFFILIATE OF THE COMMUNIST-ORGANIZED "WORLD PEACE MOVEMENT", PUBLISHED ITS STATEMENT IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY, L'HUMANITE.

IT SAID THAT IN ITS LAST CONGRESS NINE MONTHS AGO, THE FRENCH MOVEMENT HAD REAFFIRMED THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD PEACE MOVEMENT. THESE INCLUDE "THE NON-RECOURSE TO FORCE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES AMONG STATES" AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION. THESE, THE STATEMENT SAID, WERE "ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS OF PEACE".

THE FRENCH MOVEMENT "CAN ONLY EXPRESS ITS CATEGORIC OPPOSITION TO THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA... THIS INTERVENTION SERIOUSLY HARMS THE PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND IS HARMFUL TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE...

"ONLY THE RETURN TO NORMS CONFORMING TO THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF PEOPLES...CAN PERMIT A SETTLEMENT SAFEGUARDING THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL AND OF WORLD PEACE." FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT, WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING FORCES WAS NECESSARY.

* THE FRENCH MOVEMENT SAID IT WAS SENDING ITS STATEMENT TO THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL AND TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE PEACE MOVEMENTS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT CRISIS. MBW/HE/100 0913/68 19