

UNION APPEALS TO TUC TO KEEP RUSSIAN LINK

LONDON, AUGUST 26--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE SLOUGH, BERKSHIRE, BRANCH OF THE AMALGAMATED UNION OF ENGINEERING AND FOUNDRY-WORKERS HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION STATING THAT WHILE IT IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF RUSSIAN INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE BRANCH FEELS THAT THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS IS WRONG IN BREAKING WITH RUSSIAN UNIONS.

"THE ATTENDANCE OF SOVIET TRADE UNIONISTS AT THIS YEARS TUC (ANNUAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER) WOULD HAVE ENABLED FREE AND FRANK DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN OF CONSIDERABLE HELP IN OVERCOMING THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH DIVIDE THE WORLD.....WE ASK YOU, EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR, TO REVERSE YOUR DECISION," THE RESOLUTION SAID.

GRIMOND CALLS FOR BOYCOTT OF EAST EUROPEANS
LONDON, AUGUST 26--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--A DEMONSTRATION BY 300 PEOPLE FROM ALL POLITICAL PARTIES YESTERDAY IN THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SENT MESSAGES TO THE RUSSIAN AND CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSIES IN LONDON CONDEMNING THE INVASION AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

THE FORMER LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY, JO GRIMOND, MP, CALLING FOR A RESOLUTION OF "UNREMITTING CONDEMNATION OF YET ANOTHER RUSSIAN CRIME", SAID:

"I WOULD BITTERLY REGRET IT IF ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION WERE TO LEAD PEOPLE IN THE WEST SIMPLY TO PUT THEIR DEFENCES AGAIN AND LEAVE IT AT THAT.

"WE SHOULD ENFORCE OUR PROTEST BY CUTTING OFF OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS AND THINGS OF THIS SORT."

COUNCIL OF EUROPE ASKED TO PROTEST "BRUTAL" INVASION.

LONDON, AUGUST 26--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THREE BRITISH MPS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING ON THE COUNCIL "URGENTLY TO PROTEST AT THE BRUTAL INVASION BY THE SOVIET UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN DEFIANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES OF STATES AND INDIVIDUALS."

THEY WERE DR. SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, MAURICE EDELMAN AND ROBERT EDWARDS, ALL LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

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