

C/S LUTHERAN SUPPORT FOR CS CHURCHES

GENEVA, AUG. 26---THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION TODAY SENT A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE TWO LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS WELL AS TO ALL OTHER CZECH CHURCHES.

THE MESSAGE WAS SIGNED BY DR. FREDERICK A. SCHIOTZ OF THE U.S. WHO IS FEDERATION PRESIDENT, AND DR. ANDRE APPEL OF FRANCE, THE FEDERATION GENERAL SECRETARY.

IN GENEVA FOR A MEETING OF THE FEDERATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE TWO MEN SENT THEIR MESSAGE VIA THE SWISS, AUSTRIAN AND BAVARIAN RADIO STATIONS WHICH ARE BEING PICKED UP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEANWHILE WAS DISCUSSING A GENERAL STATEMENT WHICH WAS BEING DRAFTED IN EVEN FIRMER LANGUAGE AND WHICH WAS BEING MADE PUBLIC LATER.

THE MESSAGE SENT BY SCHIOTZ AND APPEL SAID:

"THE CHURCHES OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION GREET YOU, THE TWO LUTHERAN CHURCHES AND ALL CHRISTIAN BROTHERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"WE INCLUDE YOU AND YOUR BELOVED COUNTRY IN OUR PRAYERS AND WE ARE PRAYING THAT THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW LEAD TO RESULTS WHICH WILL RESPECT THE FREEDOM OF YOUR PEOPLE."

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