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X/13/9 C/S -- POLISH TRADE FAIR IN GLASGOW CANCELLED

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, AUGUST 26--(RFE SPECIAL/KW)--POLAND HAS CANCELLED A TRADE FAIR DUE TO START IN GLASGOW THIS WEEK FOLLOWING LOCAL PROTESTS OVER HER PART IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

GLASGOW'S LORD PROVOST (MAYOR) JOHN JOHNSTON, TOLD THE POLISH CONSUL LAST WEEK GLASGOW CITIZENS OPPOSED THE ROLE OF POLISH TROOPS IN THE INVASION.

CONSUL JULIUSZ BIALY, AFTER CONFERRING WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN LONDON, TODAY INFORMED JOHNSTON THAT THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION HAD BEEN CANCELLED.

"I AM AUTHORIZED TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SURPRISE THAT IRRELEVANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO TRADE RELATIONS WITH SCOTLAND...IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THE STAGING OF THE POLISH TRADE EXHIBITION HAS BECOME IMPOSSIBLE," HE SAID.

LAST NIGHT IN GLASGOW, 300 MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S POLISH COMMUNITY MARCHED TO THE POLISH CONSULATE TO REGISTER THEIR OWN PROTEST AT THE POLISH ROLE IN THE INVASION.

TWO REPRESENTATIVES PUT A LETTER OF PROTEST IN THE CONSULATE MAILBOX.

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