

BERLIN, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- POLISH TELEVISION COMMENTATORS CONTINUED THEIR EFFORTS OVER THE WEEKEND TO JUSTIFY THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. THE COMMENTATORS EXPLAINED TO THEIR AUDIENCE THAT THE POLISH LEADERS HAD MADE THE DECISION TO JOIN THE OPERATION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WITH A HEAVY HEART."

AT THE SAME TIME, POLISH TELEVISION CONTINUED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY PERSONAL ATTACKS ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS. DUBCEK, CERNIK AND SMRKOVSKY WERE MENTIONED DIRECTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST NIGHT WHEN THEY WERE LISTED AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE MOSCOW TALKS.

THE T.V. CARRIED A LETTER TO COMMENTATOR EDMUND MECLEWSKI OF WHICH HE QUOTED SECTIONS IN ONE OF HIS BROADCASTS.

THE WRITER WHO, ACCORDING TO MECLEWSKI, SIGNED THE LETTER WITH HIS FULL NAME, ASKED THE COMMENTATOR HOW HE -- AS A POLE WHO HIMSELF FOUGHT AGAINST THE GERMAN OCCUPATION IN HIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE NAZI INVASION -- COULD NOW DEFEND THE INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MECLEWSKI ARGUED IN RESPONSE TO THIS CRITICISM THAT THE INTERVENTION WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF POLISH NATIONAL INTERESTS. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TANTAMOUNT TO "SUICIDE" TO STAND BY IDLY AND WATCH HOW THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE WARSAW PACT SYSTEM - AND THUS OF POLAND -- WOULD BE BARED BY A NEUTRALIZATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MECLEWSKI SAID.

COMMENTATOR KAZIMIERZ KAKOL, DEFENDED THE INVASION WITH THE ARGUMENT THAT IF THE NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE WAS ON FIRE AND THE FIRE THREATENED TO SPREAD TO ONE'S OWN HOUSE IT WAS NECESSARY TO PUT OUT THE FLAMES, EVEN IF THE NEIGHBOR, JERKED OUT OF SOUND SLEEP, SHOULD FIRST PROTEST LOUDLY IN MISJUDGMENT OF THE SITUATION.

KAKOL EXPRESSED HIS "FIRM CONVICTION" THAT THE "DROWSY NEIGHBOR" -- THE CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLE -- WOULD REALIZE IN A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS THAT THE INTERVENING ALLIED TROOPS HAD RENDERED HIM A "HISTORIC SERVICE."

IN ITS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENING NEWS PROGRAMS, POLISH TELEVISION PRESENTED THE FIRST FILMS SHOT BY POLISH TV CAMERAMEN IN OCCUPIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE FIRST FILM, SHOWING THE SITUATION IN PRAGUE LAST FRIDAY, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ONE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION, NO VICTIM, NOT RPT NOT A SINGLE DAMAGED VEHICLE OR BARRICADE IN THE STREET, THE FILM ENDEAVORED TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SITUATION IN PRAGUE WAS QUIET AND LIFE ABSOLUTELY NORMAL. CIVILIANS WERE SHOWN IN FRIENDLY CONVERSATIONS WITH SOLDIERS, ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE RESTING ON BENCHES ALONG THE BANKS OF THE VLTAVA, ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE, "THE NORMAL LIFE OF A BIG CITY IS TAKING ITS REGULAR COURSE," THE REPORTAGE MAINTAINED.

THE SECOND FILM WAS PRODUCED BY CAMERAMEN ACCOMPANYING THE POLISH TROOPS. IT SHOWED MILITARY TRUCKS AND OTHER VEHICLES PROCEEDING AT FAST PACE ALONG CZECHOSLOVAK ROADS AND STREETS WHERE CIVILIANS, HANDS IN THEIR POCKETS OR ARMS CROSSED ON THEIR CHESTS, COULD BE SEEN STANDING AT THE CURB. COMMENT OF THE ANNOUNCER: "NOT INFREQUENTLY, OUR SOLDIERS ARE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME."