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TEL AVIV, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/ZOLLER) -- THE LEADER OF MAKI (ISRAELS JEWISH CP), DR. MOSHE SNE, HAS SAID THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A DARK DAY FOR THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

"THE SOVIET FORCES INTERVENING IN THE CSSR WERE PUTTING DOWN NOT ONLY THE WILL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO BE FREE, BUT ALSO ALL TRENDS TOWARD NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRATISATION IN THE EASTERN BLOC," HE SAID.

"THIS MEANS THE END OF THE HEGEMONY OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THOSE WHO DECIDED ON THIS AWFUL STEP SHOULD BE JUDGED FOR THE BAD SERVICE THEY DID TO COMMUNISM."

DR. SNE SAID, THAT THERE WILL CERTAINLY BE A VERY STRONG REACTION FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WOULD NOT, IN THE LONG RUN, SUBMIT TO THIS SHOW OF NAKED FORCE AND MILITARY MIGHT.

THE POLITICAL SECRETARY OF MAPAM, THE EXTREME LEFT-WING SOCIALIST PARTY, MR. DOV SAKHIN, SAID, THAT "WE ARE MORE THAN INDIGNANT ABOUT THIS SOVIET INTERVENTION. THIS IS AN IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AND EVERY SOCIALIST, EVERY PEACELOVING MAN, OUGHT TO CONDEMN IT, TO OPPOSE IT AND TO STAND UP AND FIGHT AGAINST IT."

THE UNION OF THE STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM HAS MET AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE CSSR. AFTER THE MEETING THEY PUBLISHED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING STRONGLY THE SOVIET AGGRESSION. THEY LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO STUDENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE ACTION.