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X/13 BERLIN-- DGB PROTESTS AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAK OCCUPATION

BERLIN, AUG. 26 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF)-- THE WEST BERLIN CHAPTER OF THE (WEST) GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION, DGB, TODAY SENT IDENTICAL TELEGRAMS TO THE AMBASSADORS OF THE SOVIET UNION, BULGARIA AND HUNGARY IN EAST BERLIN AND TO THE CHIEF OF THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION IN WEST BERLIN DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE "INVASION TROOPS" FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DGB TOLD RFE THAT THE AMBASSADORS AND THE POLISH MISSION CHIEF WERE ALSO URGED TO ASK THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO RELEASE ALL CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY THE OCCUPATION FORCES.

THE TELEGRAMS FURTHER SAID "THE DGB IN WEST BERLIN, ITS 15 MEMBER UNIONS AND THUS THE CITY'S EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS, CONDEMN THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF WARSAW PACT STATES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS A VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE NATIONS. WE REQUEST OF YOU TO FORWARD OUR DEMAND, WHICH IS BASED ON THE UNITED NATIONS' CHARTER FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TO YOUR GOVERNMENTS IMMEDIATELY."

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