

X/13 GDR -- SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS IN EAST BERLIN CONTINUE

BERLIN, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF) -- EAST BERLINERS ARE CONTINUING TO DELIVER SYMPATHY RESOLUTIONS, MESSAGES AND FLOWERS TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN DESPITE THE FACT THAT EAST GERMAN POLICE THIS MORNING BEGAN CHECKING THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF ALL VISITORS TO THE EMBASSY AND WERE REGISTERING THE LICENSE NUMBERS OF VISITORS' CARS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT OF THE WEST GERMAN DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR, DPA, TODAY.

THE AGENCY SAID EAST BERLINERS HAD BROUGHT SO MANY FLOWERS TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY THAT THE BUILDING HAD TAKEN ON THE LOOKS OF A FLOWER SHOP.

THIS MORNING A YOUNG EAST GERMAN COUPLE OFFERED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING RINGS -ALTHOUGH GOLD IS EXTREMELY RARE IN EAST GERMANY- AND A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL, BUT THE GIFT WAS REJECTED, DPA REPORTED.

OTHER VISITORS THIS MORNING BROUGHT IN NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS AND OFFERED TO ACCOMMODATE CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT. THE EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM OTHER CITIES IN EAST GERMANY IN WHICH EAST GERMAN CITIZENS APOLOGIZED ON BEHALF OF RELATIVES WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE EAST GERMAN ARMY BELONGING TO THE OCCUPATION TROOPS, DPA SAID.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY (SED) WHO EXPRESSED THEIR PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THESE CALLERS SAID THEY WERE READY TO NAME THEIR PARTY MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER, DPA REPORTED FROM EAST BERLIN.

ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE EMBASSY TODAY SAID "WITH DEEP SHAME I AM WRITING TO YOU TO DISSOCIATE MYSELF UNDER PROTEST FROM THE ILLEGAL MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST YOUR SOCIALIST HOME COUNTRY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EAST GERMANY AND FOUR OTHER STATES," DPA SAID.