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P9 NEW YORK AUGUST 26 (RFE/SPECIAL/ZWADIUK) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN AMERICA ENDORSED HERE SATURDAY AN APPEAL BROADCAST BY THE DIRECTOR OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE CALLING ON "ALL UNIVERSITIES OF THE WORLD" TO JOIN HIM IN HIS PROTEST AGAINST THE OCCUPATION OF THE UNIVERSITY BY FOREIGN TROOPS.

THE CHARLES UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR, PROF. OLDRICH STARY, BROADCAST HIS APPEAL ON AUGUST 24 IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE OCCUPATION OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY, THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN EASTERN EUROPE IS "A BARBARIC ACT" AND PLEDGED THAT THE INSTITUTION WOULD NEVER YIELD TO ANY VIOLENCE.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN AMERICA, AN ORGANIZATION OF SCHOLARS AND ARTISTS OF CZECHOSLOVAK DESCENT, ISSUED A STATEMENT ALSO ON AUGUST 24 IN WHICH IT "FULLY ENDORSED" THE APPEAL BY PROF. STARY AND URGED "FREE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING TO SUPPORT SCHOLARS, WRITERS, AND ARTISTS AND ALL THE FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAINST THE FORCES OF TYRANNY".

THE SOCIETY SAID THAT IT IS "AT A LOSS TO FIND WORDS STRONG ENOUGH" TO REFLECT ITS REVULSION AT THE CRIME OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH, IT SAID, "RIDES ROUGHSHOD OVER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ENDANGERS WORLD PEACE, AND VIOLATES THE MOST ELEMENTARY DEMANDS OF HUMANITARIANISM".

THE APPEAL WAS SIGNED BY:

DR VACLAV HLAVATY, BLOOMINGTON INDIANA - PRESIDENT.
DR V (VOJTECH) E. ANDIC, ALBANY NEW YORK - SECRETARY-GENERAL
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