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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE COMMUNIST DAILY, THE MORNING STAR, REPORTS TODAY THAT THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH PEACE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON TO RECEIVE A DEPUTATION ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

THE BRITISH PEACE COMMITTEE IS KNOWN HERE AS A COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR PARTY ARE FORBIDDEN TO JOIN ON PAIN OF EXPULSION.

THE STAR SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO ASK THE WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE TO CONSIDER URGENTLY THE CALLING OF A MEETIN OF PEACE ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTERS "TO DISCUSS JOINT ACTION FOR THE DEFENCE OF PEACE."

AT A MEETING ON FRIDAY, THE STAR SAID, THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE APPROVED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BRITISH PEACE COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 21 "DEPLORING THE RESORT TO FORCE" AND CALLING FOR THE SPEEDIEST POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF THE WARSAW PACT FORCES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE STATEMENT APPEALED TO PEACE ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTERS "TO RESIST ANY AND EVERY ATTEMPT TO USE THE PRESENT SITUATION TO HARDEN THE DIVISION IN EUROPE".

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