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C/S - HAVEMANN AGREES WITH FRENCH AND ITALIAN PARTIES ON CS

BERLIN, AUG. 27 (UPI) -- EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST THEORETICIAN PROF. ROBERT HAVEMANN SAYS HE IS "EXTENSIVELY" SUPPORTING THE CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET-LED INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTIES.

IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH UPI, HAVEMANN DENIED RECENT NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED.

HAVEMANN SAID HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION "FOR THE TIME BING" BUT WOULD DO SO AT SOME LATER DATE.

HE ADDED HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT HE WAS "EXTENSIVELY" SUPPORTING THE STAND OF THE ITALIAN, FRENCH AND OTHER WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

HAVEMANN SAID TWO OF HIS SONS, 16YEAR-OLD FLORIAN AND 18-YEAR-OLD FRANK WERE ARRESTED BY EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES LAST SATURDAY FOR PARTICIPATING IN A PRO-CZECHOSLOVAK DEMONSTRATION.

HE SAID HE WAS INFORMED OF THE ARREST ONLY SUNDAY.

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