

X/13 C/S - DANISH SAY RUSSIANS MOLESTED DIPLOMAT

COPENHAGEN, AUG 27 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THOMSON) -- DENMARK HAS OFFICIALLY PROTESTED TO THE SOVIET UNION OVER AN INCIDENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA YESTERDAY, IN WHICH SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES AT A ROAD BLOCK SEARCHED THE CAR OF A DANISH DIPLOMAT.

"WE REGARD THE MATTER AS A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY," A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY. "IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT ON THE INCIDENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INSTRUCTED THE DANISH AMBASSADOR IN PRAGUE TO MAKE A FORMAL PROTEST TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR," HE ADDED.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT A SOVIET ROAD BLOCK BETWEEN PRAGUE AND THE BORDER TOWN OF HALAMKAY. THE SOVIET SOLDIERS, AFTER INSPECTING A CONVOY OF BUSES CARRYING SCANDINAVIAN TOURISTS OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INSISTED ON SEARCHING THE CARS OF TWO DIPLOMATS, DANISH EMBASSY SECRETARY KURT EBERT AND A SWEDISH COLLEAGUE, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID.

THE SEARCH WAS CARRIED OUT DESPITE HEAVY PROTESTS BY BOTH DIPLOMATS. THE SOVIET SOLDIERS CLAIMED TO BE LOOKING FOR HIDDEN ARMS.

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