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# NO EXTRAORDINARY SWISS PARLIAMENT MEETING

BERNE, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/PEDERGNANA) - THE AGENDA COMMITTEE OF THE SWISS PARLIAMENT DECIDED YESTERDAY NOT TO CONVENE THE PARLIAMENT TO AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, "UNLESS A NEW SITUATION MAKES IT NECESSARY," A STATEMENT SAID.

THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED A FULL FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION IN CONNECTION WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER SESSION OF THE SWISS PARLIAMENT. IT ALSO SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARLIAMENT: "IN THE NAME OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERACY WE DECLARE OUR DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE FREELY CHOSEN NATIONAL PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC."

ALL THESE MOVES AND THE MESSAGE WERE SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNIST DEPUTY TAKING PART IN THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE SWISS RED CROSS ANNOUNCED IT HAD SENT A FIRST CONTRIBUTION OF 60 000 FRANCS WORTH OF BLOOD PLASMA TO CZECHOSLOVAKIAN HOSPITALS. A SPECIAL ACCOUNT WAS OPENED TO COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FURTHER RED CROSS AID TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

# LORD MAYOR CANCELS VISIT TO RUSSIA

LONDON AUGUST 27--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--THE LORD MAYOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF LEEDS, JOHN RAFFERTY, LAST NIGHT CANCELLED A SCHEDULED CIVIC VISIT TO RUSSIA IN PROTEST AGAINST THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKS," HE SAID. "A COUNTRY WHICH BEHAVES LIKE THIS DOES NOT DESERVE A FRIENDLY VISIT."

# DUTCH SET TWO-MINUTE SALUTE OF SILENCE

BRUSSELS, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE SALUTING THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND PROTESTING AGAINST THE SOVIET-LED MILITARY OCCUPATION THERE WILL BE HELD TODAY THROUGHOUT HOLLAND.

ALL MAJOR DUTCH POLITICAL PARTIES, TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS ARE SUPPORTING THE TWO-MINUTE SILENCE.

ALL WORK WILL HALT TRAFFIC, INCLUDING BUSES, TRAMS AND TRAINS, WILL STOP AT 1300 MT. STREET LIGHTS WILL BE TURNED ON IN CITIES AS IS DONE ON MAY 5 WHEN HOLLAND COMMEMORATES THE VICTIMS WHO DIED DURING THE WORLD WAR TWO NAZI OCCUPATION.

DUTCH PREMIER PETRUS DE JONG IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE NATION ON RADIO AND TELEVISION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TWO-MINUTE SILENCE. DUTCH TELEVISION WILL SHOW FILMS OF RECENT EVENTS IN PRAGUE DURING THE SILENCE, BUT WILL HAVE NO COMMENTARY DURING THE PERIOD OF SILENCE.

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