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PARIS AUG. 27 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) --- SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR PHAM DANG LAM HAS SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY, ITSELF A VICTIM OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION, CONDEMNS THE AGGRESSION OF WHICH CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS TODAY THE VICTIM.

THE DIPLOMAT, WHO ARRIVED IN PARIS SUNDAY TO HEAD THE DELEGATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE OBSERVERS FOLLOWING THE PARIS PEACE TALKS BETWEEN HANOI AND WASHINGTON, MADE HIS STATEMENT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY, FRANCE-PRESSE.

"WE CONDEMN THE AGGRESSION OF WHICH CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS THE VICTIM WITH ALL THE MORE VIGOR BECAUSE WE ARE OURSELVES VICTIM OF A COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. THIS ARMED INVASION AGAINST THE WILL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE CANNOT BE CALLED BY ANY OTHER NAME", SAID LAM.

"TWO LESSONS SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THESE EVENTS. THE FIRST PRAGUE COUP IN 1948 REVEALED THE PROCESS, SINCE BECAME CLASSIC, TO WHICH MOSCOW RESORTED TO ESTABLISH A TOTAL GRIP ON A COUNTRY THROUGH THE TRICKERY OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT. WITH THIS SECOND PRAGUE COUP, THE PROOF IS GIVEN THAT WE CANNOT EXPECT A LIBERALIZATION WITHIN THE COMMUNIST BLOC. COMMUNISM IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH FREEDOM", LAM SAID.

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