

VIENNA, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- THE AUSTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORMER CONCENTRATION CAMP INMATES HAS REJECTED AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE ON SEPTEMBER 7 IN AN EAST GERMAN RALLY OF FORMER VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM.

ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT, THE AUSTRIAN FORMER CONCENTRATION CAMP INMATES ASSOCIATION WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY EVENTS ORGANIZED BY COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ISSUED AN APPEAL TO THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE MORE ACTIVE POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"NEUTRALITY IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH A PASSIVE BUT DEMANDS AN ACTIVE ATTITUDE," THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE AUSTRIAN PEACE COUNCIL ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT STRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONSTERNATION CAUSED BY THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. "THIS ACT VIOLATING THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE REPRESENTS A SERIOUS DANGER FOR THE PEACE IN THE WORLD," THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE AUSTRIAN PEACE COUNCIL ALSO DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMANITY AND DEMOCRACY.

A RESOLUTION, CONDEMNING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE COUNTRY WAS PASSED BY YOUNG TRADE UNIONISTS FROM FINLAND, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, WEST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA IN THEIR SUMMER CAMP AT THE WOERTHERSEE LAKE IN CARYNTHIA.

LETTERS PROTESTING THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE SENT TO EAST GERMANY, POLISH, HUNGARIAN, BULGARIAN AND SOVIET TRADE UNIONISTS BY THE AUSTRIAN TRADE UNIONS FEDERATION. ANOTHER LETTER EXPRESSING THE AUSTRIAN TRADE UNIONS SOLIDARITY WITH CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNIONISTS WAS ADDRESSED TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE UNIONS IN PRAGUE.

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