

X/13 CS -- HERMANSSON, ERLANDER, LYG RESERVED ON COMMUNIQUE

STOCKHOLM, AUG. 27 (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- SWEDENS COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER CARL-HENRIK HERMANSSON TONIGHT DECLARED HIMSELF TO BE RESERVED TOWARD THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, HERMANSSON SAID:

"TO SEND TROOPS INTO A COUNTRY TO FORCE ABOUT A CERTAIN POLICY IS A MATTER WHICH CAN NEVER BE APPROVED. THIS IS AGAINST ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF A PEOPLES RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

"THIS (MOSCOW) ACCORD HAS BEEN MADE UNDER THE PRESSURE OF A MILITARY OCCUPATION. THE NEAREST FUTURE WILL SHOW IF THE OCCUPATION WILL HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

"ONE THING IS CLEAR. THIS HAS SHOWN WHAT SIGNIFICANCE A SOLID RESISTANCE OF A UNITED PEOPLE HAS AGAINST AN ARMED AND SUPERIOR POWER."

SWEDENS GOVERNMENT LEADER PRIME MINISTER TAGE ERLANDER ISSUED A BRIEF FIRST REACTION. HE SAID:

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE SEEM AT LEAST TO BE GETTING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT BACK AS A RESULT OF THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM. ALL OTHER RESULTS OF THE MOSCOW TREATY ARE COMPLETELY OBSCURE FOR THE MOMENT."

NORWAYS FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN LYG ALSO REACTED TONIGHT. HE ISSUED A STATEMENT IN OSLO IN WHICH HE DECLARED:

"THE MOSCOW ACCORD IS A SOLUTION DICTATED BY THE OCCUPATION POWERS. THE COMMUNIQUE IS DONE IN GENERAL AND UNCLEAR TERMS, AND LEAVES ROOM FOR MANY INTERPRETATIONS.

"BUT IT IS NOT FULLY DICTATED, IN THAT THE OCCUPATION POWERS DID NOT ACHIEVE ALL THEIR GOALS. THESE WERE MODIFIED BY THE UNITED RESISTANCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH THEY (OCCUPIERS) OBVIOUSLY UNDER-ESTIMATED IN ADVANCE.

"WE IN NORWAY HAVE ONLY THE BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

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