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PARIS, AUGUST 28(RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) -- - - THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST-RUN WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADES UNIONS (WFTU) HAVE GIVEN THEIR BACKING TO A CZECHOSLOVAK UNIONIST DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF INVADING FORCES.

THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY, L'HUMANITE, REPORTED TODAY THAT WFTU PRESIDENT RENATO BITOSSY AND SECRETARY-GENERAL LOUIS SAILLANT HAD SENT A JOINT LETTER TO THE CENTRAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FIVE INVADING COUNTRIES. THIS LETTER, ACCORDING TO L'HUMANITE, SAID THAT BITOSSY AND SAILLANT CONSIDERED "LEGITIMATE" A RECENT PROTEST MESSAGE FROM CZECHOSLOVAK UNIONISTS URGING WITHDRAWAL FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CZECHOSLOVAK UNIONS IN ITS MESSAGE HAD CALLED ON ITS COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIVE COUNTRIES TO "DEMAND FROM YOUR GOVERNMENTS THE DEPARTURE OF ARMED FORCES FROM OUR COUNTRY".

THE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS SAID .: "WE ARE CAPABLE OF SETTLING OUR OWN AFFAIRS, WITHOUT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS AND FOR THE PROFIT OF SOCIALISM."

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