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CS - GDR POLICE CHECK VISITORS TO CSSR EMBASSY

EAST BERLIN, AUG.28, REUTER - POLICE TODAY WERE STILL CHECKING THE IDENTITIES OF ALL CALLERS AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE FOLLOWING A FLOOD OF MESSAGES FROM EAST GERMANS SUPPORTING THE CZECHOSLOVAKS.

TWO DAYS AGO EAST BERLIN POLICE AT THE EMBASSY GATES STARTED CHECKING THE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS OF ALL VISITORS.

AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID TODAY "WE HAVE BEEN VERY SURPRISED AT THE SYMPATHY WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM EAST GERMANS. WE DID NOT EXPECT ANY. BUT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN HERE AND WE HAVE A HUGE PILE OF RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT.

"THIS SHOWS THE GOVERNMENT HERE MUST NOW RECKON WITH SOME CONCERTED OPPOSITION, MAINLY FROM THE YOUNG."

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