

FRENCH ACADEMICIANS BACK PROTEST

PARIS AUG. 28 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) --- THE HEAD OF THE FRENCH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH ACADEMY HAVE ADDED THEIR NAMES TO A COMMITTEE SUPPORTING FREEDOM FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL FREEDOMS" ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS MEMBERS NOW INCLUDED THE ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS, FRANCOIS MARTY, THE FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE, CLAUDE DE BOISANGER, AND THE SIX ACADEMICIANS.

THE SIX ARE THE FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN, WLADIMIR DORMESSON, THE PRE-WAR AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN, ANDRE FRANCOIS-PONCET, PLAYWRIGHT MARCEL ACHARD, WRITERS PIERRE-HENRI SIMON AND HENRI MASSIS AND PROFESSOR LOUIS PASTEUR VALLERY-RADOT.

FORCE OUVRIERE GRATIFIED BY UPCOMING ICFTU SESSION

PARIS AUG. 28 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- THE SOCIALIST UNION FORCE OUVRIERE EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION TODAY OVER THE DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS TO CALL A MEETING ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

LIKE THE ICFTU, THE FRENCH UNION SAID IN A COMMUNIQUE, FORCE OUVRIERE IS "REVOLTED BY THE DIKTAT IMPOSED ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE SOVIET UNION FOLLOWING THE KREMLIN NEGOTIATIONS. THIS SO-CALLED ACCORD IS BUT A MEANS EMPLOYED TO JUSTIFY THE CONTINUING MILITARY OCCUPATION AND TO MAINTAIN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE UNDER THE DOMINANCE OF TOTALITARIAN COMMUNISM", THE FO COMMUNIQUE SAID.

THE FRENCH UNION, WHICH MONDAY STAGED A FIVE-MINUTE WORK STOPPAGE IN HOMMAGE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RECALLED THAT IT HAD ASKED FOR AN URGENCY SESSION OF THE ICFTU TO DISCUSS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"WE NOW LEARN WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ICFTU DECIED ON A REUNION, TO BE HELD SOON, OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ICFTU IN WHICH THE MAIN FORCE OUVRIERE ORGANISATIONS ARE REPRESENTED."

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