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X/13 W. GER -- KOHOUT ADDRESSES PROTEST RALLY IN DORTMUND

DORTMUND, AUG 30 (DPA/GND)--CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS PAVEL KOHOUT SAID LAST NIGHT THERE HAS BEEN NO COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SPEAKING AT A RALLY IN THE RUHR CITY OF DORTMUND CALLED TO PROTEST THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, KOHOUT SAID:

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER THAN DURING THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS."

HE ADDED THAT THE OCCUPATION OF HIS COUNTRY HAD "FAILED" AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE ALLIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WILL SOONER OR LATER EXCUSE THEMSELVES FOR THEIR ACTION."

THE RALLY WAS ALSO ADDRESSED BY BONN FOREIGN AID MINISTER HANS-JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI WHO SAID THAT "THE DAYS OF PRAGUE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE RIGHT OF THE POWERFUL WAS STILL TO BE USED WHEN POLITICAL ARGUMENTS ARE MISSING."

WEST GERMAN WRITER GUENTER GRASS SAID THAT THE RIGID POLICY OF THE COLD WAR HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT EAST GERMAN PARTY LEADER WALTER ULBRICHT "IS STILL IN POWER".

EAST GERMAN YOUTH WAS ASHAMED OF THE FACT THAT THEIR STATE WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE SAID.

THE WEST GERMAN WRITER CAME OUT STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF CONTINUATION OF A DETENTE POLICY.

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