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PARIS, AUG 30 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) - - - IN A JOINT LETTER TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PARIS, EIGHT FRENCH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPATION FORCES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE LETTER TO AMBASSADOR VALERIAN ZORIN WAS SIGNED BY THE FORMER SOCIALIST MINISTER, DANIEL MAYER, ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHT OF MAN, TWO MAJOR FRENCH UNIONS, THE TWO MASONIC LODGES OF FRANCE AND SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

MAYER SAID THESE GROUPS CONSIDERED THAT THE MOSCOW ACCORDS, "IF THEY MAKE IT POSSIBLE IN THE IMMEDIATE TO AVOID BLOODY TRAGEDY, NEVERTHELESS MAINTAIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN A STATE OF INCONTESTABLE SUBORDINATION TO THE SOVIET UNION."

THE ORGANIZATIONS VOICED "THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, STRUGGLING FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE ON THE PATH OF A SOCIALISM THAT RESPECTS DEMOCRACY AND THE HUMAN BEING."

THEY CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO "RESPECT THE RIGHT OF THIS PEOPLE TO DECIDE ITS FUTURE AND TO PERMIT ITS LEADERS FREELY TO EXERCISE THEIR MANDATE, WHICH IMPLIES THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS FROM THE ENTIRE CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY."

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