

P1 WASHINGTON, AUG 31 (RFE SPECIAL/HILL)--PROFESSOR IVAN SPITAK, THE LEADING CZECH PHILOSOPHER, READ TO A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE FRIDAY A MANIFESTO OF CZECH AND SLOVAK INTELLECTUALS APPEALING TO INTELLECTUALS OF THE WORLD TO "COME WITHOUT DELAY TO THE ASSISTANCE OF FREE SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE MANIFESTO WAS ADOPTED ON AUGUST 25TH AT VIENNA BY INTELLECTUALS WHO MET THERE ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SLOVAK NATIONAL UPRISING.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, WHICH IS HOLDING ITS FOURTH CONGRESS HERE. THIS SOCIETY HAS 1300 MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE CONGRESS HAD ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION:

"THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1968, CONDEMNS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE ARMIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT. THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY FOREIGN TROOPS VIOLATES THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THIS STATE AND ITS PEOPLE. THE SOVIET UNION IS DESTROYING ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL MORALITY AND OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, WHICH FOLLOWING ITS OWN PROPOSITION, WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE DECLARATION ABOUT NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON DECEMBER 21, 1965.

THE RESTORATION OF CENSORSHIP OF THE MEDIA OF COMMUNICATIONS SUPPRESSES AND MAKES IMPOSSIBLE THE TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. WITHOUT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY FOR THE NATION TO DEVELOP ITS OWN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CALLS UPON ALL THE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FREE WORLD AND REMINDS THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS PEOPLE, FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE ARE INDIVISIBLE. AND RESTRICTION ON THOSE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD WILL SOONER OR LATER AFFECT THE ENTIRE WORLD COMMUNITY.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE COURAGEOUS STAND AND UNITY OF THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS FROM WHOM THE BEGINNING OF 1968 THE NAME OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS PEOPLE IS AGAIN PRONOUNCED WITH RESPECT AND ADMIRATION.

THE 1,300 CZECH AND SLOVAK INTELLECTUALS ABROAD WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CALL UPON WORLD OPINION FOR HELP AND COOPERATION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RESTORE FREEDOM, PEACE AND TRUE PROGRESS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES WILL CONTINUE, IN SPITE OF THE PRESENT -- AND IT BELIEVES, TEMPORARY -- SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO BRING TOGETHER CZECHS AND SLOVAKS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THE PROPAGATION OF THE FRUITS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES HOPES THAT AFTER THIS LAST VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE SOVIET UNION THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD WILL FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM AND SOVIET IMPERIALISM WITH WHICH, WE ARE CONVINCED, THE SUBJUGATED PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION THEMSELVES DO NOT AGREE.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND DEVELOP FREE CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURE AND BELIEVE IN THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF MASARYK'S HUMANISTIC DEMOCRACY. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IN THIS BELIEF WE SPEAK FOR THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF CZECHS AND SLOVAKS."