

X/13 CS -- WFTU DENUNCIATION SENT TO WEST GERMAN UNION

MUNICH, AUG 31 (DPA/GND) -- THE WEST GERMAN METAL WORKERS UNION HAS RECEIVED FROM PRAGUE A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS CONDEMNING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT RELEASED THE TEXT TODAY.

THE RESOLUTION WAS SIGNED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK, FRENCH, ITALIAN, RUMANIAN, LATIN AMERICAN AND UNITED STATES MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT. THE SOVIET SECRETARY DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE SESSION, HELD IN PRAGUE.

IT SAID THAT THE MILITARY INVASION "CONTRADICTED ALL THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE WFTU RESTS."

THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSED THE COMPLETE SOLIDARITY OF THE WFTU WITH THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF THE CSSR AND PRAISED THEIR CALMNESS AND PRUDENCE.

IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF EVERY COUNTRY AS WELL AS OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS COULD ONLY BE FULFILLED WHEN THEY WERE ACCEPTED ALL OVER THE WORLD.

FINALLY THE WFTU SECRETARIAT DECLARED: "THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WFTU ASSURES THE CSSR TRADE UNIONS THAT IT WILL MAKE THE GREATEST EFFORTS TO HELP THE WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF THE CSSR IN RENEWING THEIR NORMAL AND PEACEFUL LIFE AND TO CREATE THE BEST CONDITIONS FOR THE FURTHER CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN ARMIES."

THE WEST GERMAN METAL WORKERS UNION (I G METALL) IS AFFILIATED NOT TO THE WFTU BUT TO THE DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS. N

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