

X/13 BRIT--BRITISH UNIONS CONDEMN CZECHOSLOVAK INVASION

LONDON SEPT. 3 (RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)-

THE BRITISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT TODAY CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SUPPORTED ITS LEADERSHIPS DECISION TO SEVER CONTACTS WITH TRADE UNIONS IN THE INVADING COUNTRIES.

MEETING AT THEIR CENTENARY CONFERENCE, DELEGATES TO THE BRITISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS, WHICH REPRESENTS NEARLY NINE MILLION TRADE UNIONISTS, ENDORSED WITHOUT A FORMAL VOTE THEIR EXECUTIVES DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING FORCES AND THE CONDEMNATION OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT AND THE TERMS WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND NATION.

FRED HAYDAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL SECTION, TOLD THE CONFERENCE LET THE VOICE OF CONGRESS BE HEARD BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE IN THEIR AGONY. THEIR CRY FOR LIBERTY, HAYDAY SAID, CAN BE STIFLED BUT NOT RPT NOT SILENCED.

HAYDAY SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD SHOWN ITSELF TO BE REACTIONARY, CONSERVATIVE AND BLUNDERING AND HAD DEMONSTRATED ITS INABILITY TO COPE WITH CHANGE . . . THEIR KIND OF COMMUNISM CAN ONLY SURVIVE WITH THE SUPPORT OF TANKS.

HE SAID THE TREACHERY OF THE ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD OUTRAGED FREE PEOPLE AND HE DENOUNCED THE INTELLECTUAL CLAPTRAP WHICH HAD BEEN PRODUCED TO JUSTIFY IT.

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