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STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 4 (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- TWO COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS, WHO ARE ELECTED COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS WELL, HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR RESIGNATION FROM THE SWEDISH CP -- ONE OF THEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BERTIL LARSSON OF BOTKYRKA IN CENTRAL SWEDEN SAID HE WAS QUITTING THE PARTY AND TURNING INDEPENDENT "BECAUSE I CAN NO LONGER REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AFTER THE DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THE OCCUPATION HAD MADE BEING A COMMUNIST "IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME", HE SAID IN A LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

IN THE FAR NORTH, SWEDENS COMMUNIST STRONGHOLD, VETERAN CP ADHERENT EDWIN BERGLUND, FOR 40 YEARS A MEMBER, ISSUED AN OPEN LETTER OF RESIGNATION IN WHICH HE CHARGED SWEDISH PARTY LEADER C.H. HERMANSSON WITH BEING "ALL TOO MODERATE". BERGLUND ALSO PROCLAIMED THE SOVIET CP TO BE "REVISIONISTIC". IT WAS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EVENTS HAD CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO BERGLUNDS DECISION TO QUIT THE PARTY.

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