

X/13 C/S -- ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS CONDEMNS SOVIET INVASION

ATHENS, SEPT. 5-(RFE SPECIAL/OPPER-CONDOULIS)- ARCHBISHOP-PRESIDENT MAKARIOS OF CYPRUS CONDEMNED THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS HE CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF CONFERENCES WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT LEADERS HERE YESTERDAY.

THE ARCHBISHOP SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS HAS MADE ITS STAND CLEAR, ""NAMELY COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA"".

""MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANY COUNTRY AND UNDER ANY PRETEXT MUST ALWAYS BE DENOUNCED,"" HE SAID.

THE ARCHBISHOP WENT ON TO EXPRESS SORROW FOR THE STAND TAKEN BY AKEL, THE CYPRIOT COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE FEW COMMUNIST PARTIES TO SUPPORT THE SOVIET INTERVENTION.

AKEL HAS BEEN A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE ARCHBISHOP IN THE POLITICS OF CYPRUS AND IN AN ELECTION AGREEMENT EIGHT YEARS AGO WAS GRANTED FIVE NON-CONTESTED SEATS IN THE CYPRIOT PARLIAMENT.

THE VISIT HERE BY THE CYPRUS LEADER WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS BEEN IN ATHENS SINCE THE MILITARY COUP DETAT IN APRIL, 1967.

THE MEETING HERE REACHED ""FULL ACCORD"" ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, A COMMUNIQUE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOT AND TURKISH-CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES RE-STARTED TALKS LAST WEEK IN A SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE LONG UNSETTLED CYPRUS PROBLEM, THE ARCHBISHOP EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE OVER A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

""WITHIN ONE OR TWO MONTHS WE SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROBLEMS SOLUTION"", HE SAID.

""NATURALLY"", HE ADDED, ""SOME TIME WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE PROCESSING OF THE DETAILS"".

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