

RIFT - PEKING PROTESTS TO MOSCOW

HONG KONG, SEPT 5, REUTER - CHINA TODAY STRONGLY PROTESTED TO THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT PROVOCATION AGAINST THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN PRAGUE BY SOVIET TROOPS, RADIO PEKING REPORTED.

THE CHINESE PROTEST SAID THE RUSSIAN TROOPS SURROUNDED THE EMBASSY ON AUGUST 27, INTERFERED WITH ITS WORK AND THREATENED ITS SAFETY.

NEXT DAY THE TROOPS INTERROGATED CHINESE EMBASSY STAFF, THE RADIO ADDED.

IT SAID A CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SUMMONED THE SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN PEKING THIS AFTERNOON AND LODGED A "STRONG PROTEST AND SERIOUS WARNING."

THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT THE PROTEST SAID: "WE FIRMLY DEMAND THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW THE SOVIET OCCUPATION TROOPS WHICH ARE ENCIRCLING AND KEEPING THE CHINESE EMBASSY UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND STOP ALL PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES.

"OTHERWISE, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES ARISING THEREFROM."

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