

X/13 CS -- BELGIAN SOCIALIST YOUTH WRITE TO YOUTH OF EAST EUROPE

BRUSSELS, SEPT 5 (RFE SPECIAL/DYBVIK) -- THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS OF BELGIUM HAVE URGED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES OCCUPYING CZECHOSLOVAKIA "TO PRESS YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS -- OFFICIALLY THE "JONG SOCIALISTEN OF BELGIUM" -- SAID THE LETTER WAS SENT AFTER A TOP-LEVEL MEETING HERE ON AUG.24.

THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

"DEAR COMRADES,

"DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WE ADDRESS YOU THIS LETTER.

"IN THE NAME OF OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF YEARS, WE CALL ON YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE, YOUR ATTACHMENT TO DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND YOUR EFFORTS IN THE BATTLE FOR PEACE, TO PRESS YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"YOU UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE OF THESE EVENTS IN THE CSSR, THE EFFORTS OF THE LEFT AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO COME TO A RELAXATION AND A BETTER APPROACH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST THREATENS TO BE DEADLOCKED.

"WE FEAR THAT THE INITIATIVES MUTUALLY UNDERTAKEN WILL NOT HAVE THE RESULTS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. IN SPITE OF THE ACTUAL ITUATION, THE JONG SOCIALISTEN WILL PROCEED WITH THEIR POLICY OF RELAXATION AND APPROACH.

"FRATERNAL GREETINGS."

THE LETTER WAS SENT TO KOMSOMOL, FREIE DEUTSCHE JUGEND, ZMS, KISZ AND DIMITROV YOUTH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE YOUNG BELGIAN SOCIALISTS ALSO STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE "UNJUSTIFIED INTERVENTION (AS) A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF EVERY NATION AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

THEY ALSO DECLARED THEIR "SOLIDARITY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK POPULATION, ESPECIALLY WITH THE YOUTH IN THESE PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES."

THEY ALSO SAID THEY SAW "IN THESE EVENTS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE YALTA AGREEMENT DIVIDING THE WORLD INTO TWO BLOCS UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE JONG SOCIALISTEN WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS FOR DISSOLUTION OF ALL MILITARY ALLIANCES BECAUSE ONCE AGAIN IT CLEARLY WAS SHOWN THAT THIS IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO COME TO A REAL WORLD PEACE."

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