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P6 NEW YORK, SEPT. 5 (RFE SPECIAL/ TRIMBLE) -- REACTION OF AMERICAN POLITICAL CANDIDATES AND CONGRESSMEN TO THE SOVIET MOVE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTINUED TODAY.

REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SPIRO T. AGNEW SAID IN A SPEECH AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, THAT "CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL ONE DAY BE FREE AGAIN." THERE ARE ABOUT 15,000 PERSONS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN BACKGROUND IN CEDAR RAPIDS.

IN WASHINGTON, REPRESENTATIVE CLEMENT ZABLOCKI, DEMOCRAT OF WISCONSIN, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, SAID THAT "MANY" MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE URGING THAT "CERTAIN STEPS BE TAKEN" DIRECTED AT THE SOVIET UNION AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WHO MOVED AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE SAID THESE STEPS INCLUDED IMPOSING A SELECTIVE MORATORIUM ON TRADE AND TRAVEL TO THOSE COUNTRIES FROM THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES "AND EVEN DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS."

ZABLOCKI SAID "SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INCLUDING MYSELF ARE SPONSORING RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WARSAW PACT ^ACTIONS AS AN AFFRONT TO HUMAN RIGHTS."

ALSO, SAID ZABLOCKI, "THE INVASION AND USE OF MILITARY FORCE (WAS) CONTRARY TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW."

IN HIS IOWA SPEECH, GOVERNOR AGNEW CHARGED THAT THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD "SHAKEN CONFIDENCE IN THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY FOREIGN POLICY ." HE SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE ISSUED A "STERN STATEMENT CONDEMNING SUCH ACTION IN ADVANCE AND WARNING OFFICIALLY THAT THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD HAVE SERIOUS REPRECussions ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS."