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MUNICH, SEP 6 (GND/ZALESKI/MACDONALD)-- THE LARGEST TRADE UNION IN WEST GERMANY CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY AND RESOLVED TO BREAK OFF ALL CONTACTS WITH THE FIVE OCCUPATION POWERS.

RESOLUTIONS TO THIS EFFECT WERE ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE WEST GERMAN METAL WORKERS UNION (I.G. METALL) BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN MUNICH'S BAYERNHALLE.

THE DELEGATES, REPRESENTING ALMOST TWO MILLION MEMBERS, ALSO REJECTED A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS PLEADING FOR THE LEGALISATION OF THE (WEST) GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY (KPD).

A RESOLUTION ON RELAXATION AND DISARMAMENT ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE WITH ONLY FOUR DISSENTING VOTES AND ONE ABSTENTION SAID THAT THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD DEALT "A HEAVY BLOW TO EFFORTS FOR INTERNATIONAL RELAXATION."

IT SAID THAT THE STATEMENT OF THE AUG 3 BRATISLAVA DECLARATION ABOUT COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, REGARD FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE "HAS SHOWN ITSELF AS AN EMPTY DECLAMATION INTENDED TO COVER UP A RUTHLESS POWER POLICY THAT DISREGARDS ALL BASIC SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES."

THE RESOLUTION ADDED: "IT (THIS POWER POLICY) NOT RPT NOT ONLY PLACES IN QUESTION ANY FURTHER DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNIST AREA BUT ALSO THREATENS TO TORPEDO THE POLICY OF RELAXATION AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND TO ENCOURAGE THE FORCES OF REACTION EVERYWHERE."

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