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X/13 BERLIN -- YOUNG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS CANCEL MOSCOW TRIP

BERLIN, SEP. 6 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF)-- THE WEST BERLIN CHAPTER OF "JUNGE UNION," THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE WEST GERMAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION BY A GROUP OF YOUNG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HAD BEEN CANCELLED IN PROTEST OF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. INSTEAD, THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

A SPOKESMAN FOR JUNGE UNION SAID A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 50 YOUNG PEOPLE WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD FROM OCT. 19 TO 26 TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH AND GATHER INFORMATION ON SOVIET YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS VISIT WAS NOW CANCELLED "TO PROTEST ONCE MORE AGAINST THE VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW THROUGH THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER OCCUPATION POWERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION, THE GROUP WILL VISIT BUCHAREST AND BELGRADE IN OCTOBER TO "DEMONSTRATE OUR OWN POLITICAL VIEWS" AND TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH RUMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

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