

X/9 CS - EAST EUROPEAN WALK-OUT IN GLASGOW

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, SEPT 7, REUTER - THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT LED A COMMUNIST WALK-OUT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE MEETING HERE TODAY-- JUST BEFORE A MOTION CONDEMNING THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS VOTED UPON.

FOR OVER AN HOUR THE PRESIDENT, MR. A.P. KLIMOV AND THE OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATES HAD LISTENED TO ONE PROTEST AFTER ANOTHER AGAINST THE INVASION.

THEN WITH THE MOTION ABOUT TO BE PUT MR KLIMOV LED THE 18 SOVIET, POLISH AND BULGARIAN DELEGATES OUT OF THE HALL WHERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM 25 COUNTRIES WERE ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE.

THERE WERE 83 VOTES CAST IN FAVOUR OF THE RESOLUTION WITH NONE AGAINST BUT TEN DELEGATES ABSTAINED FROM VOTING, INCLUDING MR. S. BUGHICI OF RUMANIA WHO LEFT THE HALL BEFORE THE DEBATE STARTED.

THE RESOLUTION, MOVED BY MR. R. SOUTHERN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE BRITISH COOPERATIVE UNION, CONDEMNED THE "UNWARRANTED AND TREACHEROUS INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA" AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

EARLIER A SOVIET RESOLUTION CONDEMNING "AMERICAN IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM" WAS OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED.

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