

X/13 CURT -- DANISH SOC. DEMOCRATS CONDEMN CSSR INVASION

STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 9 (RFESPECIAL/THRANE) -- THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS CONDEMNED BY THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AT ITS ANNUAL PARTY CONGRESS OVER THE WEEKEND, PARTY OFFICIALS IN COPENHAGEN SAID TODAY.

IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE 600 DELEGATES OF DENMARK'S LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS STATED:

"THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE USE OF POWER IS A CRUDE VIOLATION OF THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF A PEOPLES RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION."

THE RESOLUTION ADDED THAT THE POWER BALANCE IN EUROPE HAS NOT YET BEEN CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

FORMER PRIME MINISTER JENS OTTO KRAG DELIVERED A SPEECH ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TO THE PARTY CONGRESS BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE RESOLUTION. PARTY LEADER KRAG SAID THE AIM OF DANISH FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD BE "WORLD DISARMAMENT AND SECURED PEACE THROUGH A STRONG UNITED NATIONS."

HOWEVER, THE PARTY RESOLUTION NOTED IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY ASPECTS THAT "A SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE TO NATO HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND TO SECURE DANISH SAFETY, THEREFORE NATO IS TO BE PREFERRED AS THE BASIS FOR DENMARK'S SECURITY POLICY."

THE ANNUAL PARTY CONGRESS ALSO RECOMMENDED A NORDIC ECONOMIC UNION TO "HELP DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD A UNITED EUROPE."

THIS IS THE FIRST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONGRESS IN DENMARK SINCE THE PARTY LOST GOVERNMENT POWER IN THE JANUARY NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

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