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C/S - GREWEL THORPE (POP. 450) PROTESTS TO THE KREMLIN

RIPON, NORTHERN ENGLAND, SEPT 10, REUTER- A LETTER IS GOING TO THE KREMLIN FROM THE FIVE-MAN PARISH COUNCIL OF GREWEL THORPE, ON BEHALF OF THE 450 PEOPLE OF THIS LITTLE YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY, PROTESTING AT THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CALLING ON THE RUSSIANS TO WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS.

THE LETTER, ADDRESSED TO MR KOSY^G~~IN~~, THE SOVIET PRIME MINISTER, IS BASED ON A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL LAST NIGHT.

IT CALLS ON MR KOSYGIN TO NOTE THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION AND BRING IT TO THE NOTICE OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR FRED MCWILLIAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, SAID PEOPLE FELT HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE INVASION. BUT IF ALL 7,500 PARISH COUNCILS IN BRITAIN FOLLOWED GREWEL THORPES LEAD, THE KREMLIN WOULD BE FORCED TO TAKE NOTICE.

"WE HAVE A RIGHT TO VOICE OUR VIEWS," MR MCWILLIAM SAID. "WE CAN PROTEST TO MIGHTY RUSSIA."

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