

MRS ZAPOTOCKY PROTESTS

LONDON, AUG. 26, REUTER - A MESSAGE FROM THE WIFE OF FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT ANTONIN ZAPOTOCKY, PROTESTING AGAINST THE SOVIET INVASION AND SUPPORTING COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, WAS BROADCAST BY A CZECHOSLOVAK FREE RADIO EARLY TODAY.

CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO NORTH BOHEMIA TWO SAID IT WAS BROADCASTING A LETTER SENT TO IT BY MARIO ZAPOTOCKA, THE 78-YEAR OLD WIFE OF THE FORMER COMMUNIST PRESIDENT WHO TOOK OFFICE IN 1953.

MRS. ZAPOTOCKY RELATED HOW, IN 1947, HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN READING SLOGANS PREPARED FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS. SUDDENLY HE REMARKED INDIGNANTLY: "HOW IS IT YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE SLOGAN LONG LIVE THE SOVIET UNION?" MRS. ZAPOTOCKY ADDED: "I AM WONDERING WHAT HE WOULD SAY NOW....."

MORE DEMONSTRATIONS

WASHINGTON, AUG 26 (UPI)- ABOUT 100 PLACARD-CARRYING DEMONSTRATORS PICKETED NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SUNDAY TO PROTEST RUSSIA'S INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE PEACEFUL TWO-HOUR DEMONSTRATION WAS ORGANIZED BY THE COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN PARIS A FRENCH COMMITTEE FOR "THE SUPPORT OF THE CZECH PEOPLE" CLAIMED TODAY IT HAD COLLECTED NEARLY 250,000 SIGNATURES IN THE PAST 48 HOURS FROM PEOPLE ACROSS FRANCE, PROTESTING THE INVASION.