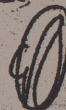


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HAVANA, CUBA, AUG. 22 (REUTERS) - CUBA MAINTAINED OFFICIAL SILENCE TODAY ON THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS A MEETING OF CZECHOSLOVAKS WORKING IN CUBA ASKED PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO FOR HIS SUPPORT.

THE CUBAN PRESS CONTINUED TO PRINT EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THOUGH THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

AT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S HOUSE OF CULTURE IN THE HEART OF HAVANA MORE THAN 20 CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATS, TECHNICIANS WORKING IN CUBA AND UNIVERSE HELD A MASS MEETING CALLED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

OBSERVERS HERE FELT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT VERY WELL GIVE APPROVAL TO THE SOVIET UNION'S INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY IN VIEW OF CUBA'S OWN PROXIMITY TO THE UNITED STATES.

WESTERN OBSERVERS FEEL THE PARALLEL BETWEEN THE SECURITY SITUATION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES EMANATING FROM A REAL OR IMAGINED SITUATION IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR CUBA WHICH GEOGRAPHICALLY WOULD FALL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES SPHERE OF INTEREST.

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