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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. LUXEMBOURG PUBLIC REACTION YESTERDAY TO CZECH OCCUPATION INCLUDED SENDING OF SIGNED PETITIONS TO SOVIET EMBASSY AND "SPONTANEOUS" BUT ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS IN POPULATION CENTERS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

2. IN LUXEMBOURG CITY DEMONSTRATION (LUXEMBOURG 521) ATTENDED BY REPORTED 3000 PERSONS OBSERVED MINUTE OF SILENCE (TRAFFIC STOPPED ON MAIN STREETS BY POLICE) AND LISTENED TO SPEECHES BY ROBERT KRIEPS, CHAIRMAN OF SOCIALIST

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PARTY FRACTION IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES (AND DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER) AND LEON BOLLENDORFF, DEPUTY MAYOR, BEFORE MOVING ON IN LONG BANNER-STUDDED PROCESSION TO CITY'S PRINCIPAL FLAG POLE.

3. KRIEPS DREW PARALLEL TO GERMAN OCCUPATION THIRTY YEARS AGO AND BOLLENDORFF RECALLED POIGNANTLY THE AMICABLE CEREMONIES IN PRAGUE LAST JUNE 21 WHICH HAD BROUGHT LUXEMBOURG AND PRAGUE TOGETHER AS SISTER-CITIES. HE TUGGED AT HEART-STRINGS SAYING IT WAS THEREFORE ESPECIALLY DISTRESSING TO HEAR THE MAYOR OF PRAGUE HAD BEEN DETAINED. AT THE FLAG POLE THE ENORMOUS FLAG WHICH FLOATS DAILY OVER THE CITY WAS BROUGHT TO HALF MAST. AFTER THIS, THE DEMONSTRATION DISSIPATED.

4. LATER TWO CARLOADS OF YOUNG PEOPLE APPROACHED SOVIET EMBASSY WHERE LUXEMBOURG POLICE TURNED THEM AWAY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

5. DEMONSTRATION PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER LUXEMBOURG PARTIES TO HEAP COALS ON HEADS OF DIMINUTIVE LUXEMBOURG COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH REMAINS PUBLICLY (AND PERHAPS UNEASILY) STAUNCH IN APPROVAL OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES' DISPLAY OF SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY BY SENDING TROOPS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
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