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SUBJECT: BELGIAN REACTION TO CZECH DEVELOPMENTS

1. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND AGAIN LAST EVENING THERE WERE RELATIVELY SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY BY AS YET UNIDENTIFIED YOUTH GROUPS. PRESS THIS MORNING SAYS POLICE PROTECTION FOR SOVIET AND OTHER BLOC EMBASSIES HAS BEEN INCREASED.
2. THIS MORNING'S PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING LIBERAL AND SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY YOUTH GROUPS, ORGANIZING A LARGER DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD IN DOWN TOWN BRUSSELS THIS EVENING IN WHICH THE THREE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES WILL PARTICIPATE.
3. OVERNIGHT ANTI-SOVIET SLOGANS PAINTED ON WALLS, BRIDGES, ETC. IN DOWNTOWN BRUSSELS.
4. LAST NIGHT'S AND THIS MORNING'S PRESS INCLUDING LEFT-SOCIALIST PAPERS, UNANIMOUS IN CONDEMNING SOVIET ACTION. (THERE IS NO COMMUNIST DAILY) BCP HAS ISSUED STATEMENT CRITICAL OF INTERVENTION. PRESS REACTION AND BCP STATEMENT BY SEPTELS. KNIGHT

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