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RUMOR: WORLD CONSCIENCE SHAKEN

ROME, AUG. 21.-(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST).-- "THE MORAL CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD IS SHAKEN," ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY SECRETARY MARIANO RUMOR SAID TODAY.

"WE ARE AGAIN FACING THE DRAMA OF HUNGARY," HE ADDED.

IN A STATEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA RELEASED THIS MORNING, HE ADDED:

"THE DECISION OF THE SOVIET LEADERS IS OF ENORMOUS POLITICAL GRAVITY NOT ONLY FOR THE LOGIC OF THE COLD WAR WHICH IT RECALLS, BUT MORE UNDER THE MORAL PROFILE FOR THE MOTIVATION WITH WHICH IT ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY AN ACT CONTRARY TO THE MOST SACRED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

"WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONSTITUTES AS WELL A SEVERE WARNING FOR DEMOCRATIC FORCES."

WALDECK ROCHET RETURNED TO PARIS

PARIS, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP-OVADIA) - THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY, WALDECK ROCHET, HAS INTERRUPTED HIS HOLIDAY AND RETURNED TO PARIS THIS MORNING.

SINCE SATURDAY, ROCHET HAD BEEN WITH HIS FAMILY IN THE REGION OF LYONS.

CZECH WAR VETERANS APPEAL TO DE GAULLE

PARIS AUG. 21 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- THE ASSOCIATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WAR, CENTERED IN PARIS, HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT DE GAULLE AT HIS COUNTRY HOME IN COLOMBEY-LES-DEUX-EGLISES :

"WE ASK OF YOU TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE".

AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS ON SOVIET CS TAKEOVER

VIENNA, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH) - THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY TODAY DENOUNCED THE SOVIET TAKEOVER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS "INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

A STATEMENT BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY SAID "THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS VIEW THE EVENTS WITH DISMAY AND CONDEMN IT AS A BLOW AGAINST THE BEGINNING DEMOCRATIZATION IN OUR NEIGHBOR STATE."

"THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AUSTRIA, FIRMLY IMBEDDED IN THE NEUTRAL POLICY OF AUSTRIA, EXPRESSES ITS FULLEST SYMPATHY FOR THE SUFFERING CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PEOPLE IN THIS SAD HOUR," THE STATEMENT SAID.

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