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X/4 C/S -- PLZEN BROADCASTS FOR TOURISTS

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CMD) -- THE DIRECTOR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO IN PLZEN, VLADIMIR SEMRAD, TODAY SPOKE TO FOREIGN TOURISTS IN GERMAN ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AFTER THIS BROADCAST, A PLZEN ANNOUNCER SAID IT (THE STATION) WAS FINISHING ITS BROADCASTING, AND PLAYED THE CZECHOSLOVAK ANTHEM. HOWEVER, BROADCASTING ON THE STATION'S FREQUENCY NORMAL CONTINUED DESPITE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

SEMRAD SPOKE AGAIN AND SAID HE DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHETHER THE TANKS AROUND HIS BUILDING ARE POLISH, EAST GERMAN, OR SOVIET BUT THAT THE BROADCASTING WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

RADIO PLZEN THEN SAID IT IS THE ONLY FREE CZECHOSLOVAK STATION STILL BROADCASTING.

SEMRAD SAID IN HIS GERMAN INFORMATION FOR TOURISTS THAT THE SITUATION IS SO COMPLICATED "THAT I THINK I SHOULD TALK IN GERMAN TO YOU..."

HE SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY PRESIDENT SVOBODA, AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY UNDER DUBCEK "DO NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH THE OCCUPATION OF OUR FATHERLAND... ALL OUR INHABITANTS STAND CALMLY AND RESPONSIBLY, I REPEAT RESPONSIBLY BEHIND OUR LEGAL GOVERNMENT. FRM ALL SIDES PEOPLE PHONE, WIRE, OR CALL PERSONALLY TO TELL US THAT THEY STAND FIRMLY AND CALMLY BY THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR STATE, BY THE FREEDOM OF OUR REPUBLIC, BY SOCIALISM."

(RADIO PLZEN DOMESTIC/F, AUG 21; 0948)

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