

X/13 C/S - CZECHOSLOVAK TV ON AIR IN OSTRAVA

VIENNA, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH) -- A CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION TRANSMITTER RESUMED OPERATIONS SHORTLY BEFORE 0900 TODAY FROM THE MORAVIAN CITY OF OSTRAVA.

THE SPEAKER ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN SAID SOME 8,000 RESIDENTS OF OSTRAVA HAVE SIGNED A PETITION CALLING FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE INVADING ARMY, AND FOR THE SOVIETS TO CEASE THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ALLOW THE CZECHOSLOVAK ORGANS TO FUNCTION NORMALLY AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE FIVE TOP CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS TO PERMIT THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT TO MEET WITH THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO ALLOW THE POPULATION TO MAINTAIN CALM AND ORDER.

SOVIET TROOPS WHICH MADE THEIR WAY TO OSTRAVA YESTERDAY AND LEFT LAST NIGHT WERE SAID BY THE SPEAKER TO HAVE REAPPEARED THIS MORNING. THE COMMANDING SOVIET OFFICER WAS IDENTIFIED AS GENERAL JASIN.

THOUGH SHOTS WERE FIRED YESTERDAY AS THOUSANDS OF PERSONS GATHERED IN THE MAIN SQUARES IN OSTRAVA, NO PERSONS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED.

WORKERS AND RESIDENTS OF PREROV WERE SAID TO HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE RESIDENTS OF OSTRAVA.

THE SPEAKER SAID THAT NO NEWS OF DEVELOPMENTS WAS AVAILABLE TO HIM THROUGH NORMAL NEWS CHANNELS AND ASKED HIS LISTENERS AND VIEWERS TO PHONE IN THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS TO THE STATION SO THAT IT COULD BE RELAYED TO THE COUNTRY.

THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER WAS THAT THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES UNDER VILIAM SALGOVIC BEGAN ARRESTING "PARTY PEOPLE."

THE STATION WENT OFF THE AIR ABRUPTLY AT 0942 WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT.