

X/13 CS - ALPBACH FORUM DISCUSSES CZECHOSLOVAKIA

VIENNA, AUG 22 (CNR/RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) - THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS DOMINATING THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF INTELLECTUALS MEETING IN THE TYROL TOWN OF ALPBACH.

THE FORUM, WHICH THIS YEAR WAS DISCUSSING "POWER, LAW AND MORAL" AND HAD HAD AN ITEM ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVOLUTION ON THE AGENDA, IS BEING ATTENDED BY 450 INTELLECTUALS - 35 OF THEM FROM EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

LEAVING ASIDE THE PLANNED AGENDA, THE FORUM WEDNESDAY HELD A PLENUM DISCUSSION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN OTHER AUSTRIAN REACTION TO THE INVASION, THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION "FREIE OESTERREICHISCHE JUGEND" ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE INTERVENTION.

"SOMETHING UNCOMPREHENSIBLE HAS HAPPENED", THE RESOLUTION STATED AND VOICED "PASSIONATE PROTEST AGAINST THE ATTITUDE OF THE PARTY AND STATE LEADERSHIP OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES."

"TOGETHER WITH THIS PROTEST WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS AND THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA", THE COMMUNIST YOUTH STATEMENT CONCLUDED.

A TELEGRAM SENT TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION IN VIENNA BY THE AUSTRIAN TRADE UNIONS YOUTH ORGANIZATION SAID: "WE ARE HORRIFIED ABOUT THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WE ARE GOING TO USE ALL MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO ENLIGHTEN THE AUSTRIAN YOUTH ABOUT THE TRUE CAUSE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRAGIC REVOLUTION".

THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY OPENED IN VIENNA AN INFORMATION OFFICE -- TO BE REACHED UNDER THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 57 83 06-- FOR CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS WHO ARE AT PRESENT IN AUSTRIA AND WHO NEED HELP AND INFORMATION.

THE SOCIALIST PARTYS INFORMATION OFFICE FOR CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS IS SPONSORED BY THE "CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEE RESCUE COMMITTEE," AN ORGANIZATION SET UP ON WEDNESDAY BY THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY IN ORDER TO HELP ALL THOSE WHO SHOULD DECIDE TO STAY IN AUSTRIA AFTER THEIR COUNTRY HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF THE WARSAW PACT INTERVENTION.

THE SOCIALIST STUDENTS UNION IN AUSTRIA SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH ORGANIZATION EXPRESSING ITS SOLIDARITY WITH "THE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA". "WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO SUPPORT YOUR STRUGGLE", THE TELEGRAM SAID.

THE AUSTRIAN SOCIAL WORKERS ORGANIZATION "VOLKSHILFE", THE SOCIALIST WELFARE ORGANIZATION "OESTERREICHISCHE KINDER-FREUNDE", AS WELL AS HOSPITALS IN VIENNA HAVE MADE ALL NECESSARY PROVISIONS TO DEAL WITH AN EVENTUAL FLOW OF REFUGEES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOWER AUSTRIAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE BORDER REGIONS HAD BEEN MADE READY TO RECEIVE POSSIBLE REFUGEES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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