

X/13 CS - SHIRLEY TEMPLE: 'IT MAKES ME CRY'

WAIDHAUS, WEST GERMANY, AUG 22 (RFE SPECIAL/MARSH) - FORMER CHILD FILM STAR SHIRLEY TEMPLE ARRIVED IN WEST GERMANY FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY AND SAID:

"WELL, I SAW MANY PEOPLE, MANY CZECH PEOPLE, CRYING. AND IT MAKES ME CRY TOO."

THE FORMER CHILD STAR, NOW MRS. SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, HAD ARRIVED IN PRAGUE SATURDAY TO CONTINUE HER CAMPAIGN AGAINST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SHE ARRIVED IN WAIDHAUS ON THE BAVARIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER TODAY AS PART OF A CONVOY OF 500 TRAVELERS.

MOST OF THE TRAVELERS WERE WESTERNERS, AMERICANS, BRITONS AND WEST GERMANS.

BAVARIAN BORDER OFFICIALS SAID BORDER TRAFFIC WAS MUCH HEAVIER THAN USUAL.

FIVE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER GUARDS WERE ON THEIR SIDE OF THE BORDER. TOURISTS SAID SOVIET TROOPS WERE IN A WOODED AREA ABOUT 12 KILOMETERS FROM THE BORDER.

THE FLAG AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER STATION CONTINUED TO FLY AT HALF-STAFF.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE DESCRIBED THE SCENE IN PRAGUE:

"WE SAW LOTS OF TANKS, LOTS OF BIG GUNS. I THINK THE THING THAT GOT ME THE MOST WAS LISTENING TO THE MACHINE-GUN FIRE IN PRAGUE.

IT STARTED ABOUT THREE IN THE MORNING, YESTERDAY MORNING. AND AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF STRANGE PRACTICE. BECAUSE I WAS IN A VERY DEEP SLEEP. AND THEN I HEARD THE JETS COMING IN LOW, AND I THOUGHT -- THAT'S A DANGEROUS WAY TO FLY -- TOO LOW. YOU SEE, FROM MY HOTEL I HAD NO RPT NO VIEW AT ALL, JUST OF A GRAY WAL."

ASKED IF SHE WAS FRIGHTENED, SHE SAID, "WELL, IT'S FRIGHTENING JUST TO LEAVE THE HOTEL TODAY AND CROSS THE STREET AND GET INTO THE EMBASSY CAR. BECAUSE THERE WAS SO MUCH SPORATIC FIRE AROUND."