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FRENCH RADIO-TV PERSONNEL HAIL CZECHOSLOVAKS

PARIS, AUG 23 (RFE SPECIAL/AFP) --- IN A COMMON DECLARATION, THE TRADE UNIONS AT THE FRENCH RADIO AND TELEVISION OFFICE THURSDAY CONDEMNED THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE ENSUING INFRINGEMENT ON THE NATIONS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION".

"THE PERSONNEL OF THE ORTF", THE DECLARATION SAID, "SENDS PARTICULAR GREETINGS TO THE TECHNICIANS AND THE JOURNALISTS OF THE CZECH RADIO-TELEVISION WHO, UNDER DRAMATIC CONDITIONS, HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEIR COMPATRIOTS INFORMED. THEY HAVE SHOWN, AND CONTINUE TO SHOW, WITH COURAGE AND DETERMINATION THE PUBLIC ORGANIZATION CHARACTER OF RADIO AND TELEVISION AT THE SERVICE OF THE NATION".

FOOTBALL TEAMS LEAVE

VIENNA, AUG 23, REUTER - FOOTBALL TEAMS FROM BRITAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA THURSDAY WITH THEIR TOUR PROGRAMMES ENDED BY THE CRISIS.

THE BRITISH TEAM, VIKING SPORTS CLUB, AN AMATEUR TEAM FROM EALING, WEST LONDON, ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT AFTER CROSSING THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER AT MIKULOV.

RED STAR, OF BELGRADE, ONE OF THE LEADING SOCCER TEAMS IN YUGOSLAVIA, CROSSED INTO AUSTRIA AT BERG, NEAR BRATISLAVA, THURSDAY AFTER THEIR CENTRAL EUROPEAN CUP FINAL MATCH WITH SPARTAK TRNAVA, DUE TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE WEDNESDAY, WAS CALLED OFF.

RED STAR MANAGER MILIJAN MILIJANIE SAID THEY HAD BEEN TOLD TO STAY IN THEIR ROOMS WHEN THE INVASION BEGAN. "WE WERE PLAYING CARDS WHEN WE HEARD THE NOISE OF RUMBLING TANKS. WE WENT OUTSIDE AND SAW THE PLACE WAS FULL OF THEM -- MORE THAN A HUNDRED."

WHEN THE YUGOSLAV TEAM LEFT THEIR HOTEL AFTER BEING CONFINED FOR TWO DAYS, LOCAL PEOPLE SAW THEIR YUGOSLAV BADGES AND CHANTED "DUBCEK, TITO-DUBCEK, TITO" HE SAID.

TRAIN DELAYED

SCHIRNDING, WEST GERMANY, AUG 23, REUTER - THE PRAGUE-PARIS EXPRESS ROLLED OVER THE CZECH-WEST GERMAN FRONTIER HERE THURSDAY 24 HOURS LATE BECAUSE OF THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

CARRIAGES WERE SMEARED WITH SLOGANS SUCH AS "PEACE IS THREATENED," AND "WE STAND BEHIND DUBECK AND SVOBODA."

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