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CZECHOSLOVAK CHORAL GROUP WINS AREZZO FESTIVAL

ROME, AUG. 23--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)-- A CZECHOSLOVAK CHOIR, "KUEHNUV SMISENY SBOR," OF PRAGUE, HAS WON THE MIXED CHOIR CONTEST AT THE POLYPHONIC COMPETITION OF AREZZO IN CENTRAL ITALY.

WITH 285 POINTS OUT OF A POSSIBLE 300, THE CHOIR LAST NIGHT WON A PRIZE OF 500,000 LIRE (ABOUT 840 DOLLARS) OFFERED BY THE CITY OF AREZZO.

IN SECOND PLACE WAS A HAMBURG CHOIR WITH 270 POINTS.

ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAK CHOIR, FROM BRNO, PERFORMS IN AREZZO TONIGHT.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OPENS BORDERS TO CZECHOSLOVAKS

ROME, AUG. 23--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)-- THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR HAS INSTRUCTED BORDER STATIONS TO ALLOW INTO THE COUNTRY AND TO GIVE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES ASKING POLITICAL ASYLUM.

THE ORDER WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY BY INTERIOR MINISTER FRANCO RESTIVO WHO ALSO INSTRUCTED POLICE PREFECTURES TO RENDER ALL ASSISTANCE TO CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN ITALY.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVES MOSCOW AMBASSADOR

ROME, AUG. 23--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)-- ITALY'S FOREIGN MINISTER, GIUSEPPE MEDICI HAS MET WITH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW FEDERICO SZNSI WHO RETURNS TO THE SOVIET UNION TODAY.

THE MEETING TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID.

CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN ROME RECEIVES FLOOD OF MAIL

ROME, AUG. 23--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)-- A FLOOD OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS VOICING SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN ROME.

IN A COMMUNIQUE SENT TO NEWSPAPERS, THE EMBASSY SAID THE MESSAGES HAD BEEN SENT BY "PERSONALITIES, STATE AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS OF CITIZENS."

"NOT BEING ABLE TO REPLY TO EACH SINGLY, WE EXTEND OUR THANKS THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS," THE COMMUNIQUE SAID.

ITALIAN CP GROUP LEAVES RUMANIA

ROME, AUG. 23--(RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST)-- TWO TOP ITALIAN COMMUNISTS ARE ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM RUMANIA WHERE THEY SPENT THEIR VACATIONS, ACCORDING TO ITALY'S COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY UNITA TODAY.

BEFORE LEAVING BUCHAREST DIRECTORATE MEMBERS ENRICO BERLINGUER AND PAOLO BUFALINI WERE RECEIVED BY PAUL NICOLESCU-MIZIL, EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE RUMANIAN PARTY, THE BUCHAREST-DATELINED DISPATCH SAID.

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