

BUSES FOR ITALIANS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

ROME, AUG. 23.--(RFE SPECIAL) A NUMBER OF BUSES HAVE CROSSED THE AUSTRIAN BORDER INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BRING OUT ITALIAN TOURISTS STRANDED THERE DURING THE SOVIET INVASION OF THE COUNTRY.

THE ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE STATED HERE THIS MORNING THAT THREE BUSES, SENT BY THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA, HAD ENTERED THE COUNTRY.

THE ITALTOURIST AGENCY, WHICH HANDLES MOST OF THE ITALO-EAST EUROPEAN TOURIST TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, SAID THAT FIVE BUSES HAD CROSSED THE BORDER AT FREISTADT AND WOULD REACH PRAGUE DURING THE DAY.

THESE BUSES, SAID THE ITALTOURIST SPOKESMAN, WILL ALSO MAKE A TOUR OF SOME OF THE RESORT AREAS WHERE ITALIANS ARE KNOWN TO BE RESIDING AND WILL BRING THEM BACK TO AS EE AUSTRIA OR TO ITALY.

THE AGENCY ADDED THAT THEY EXPECTED NO RPT NO TROUBLE AND HAD BEEN IN TELEX COMMUNICATION WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK TOURIST AGENCY- COEDOK THIS MORNING.

GIRLS WEEP AS THEY MY

LONDON, AUGUST 23 -- (RFE SPECIAL) -- YOUNG CZECHOSLOVAK GIRL STUDENTS WEPT AS THEY SANG THEIR NATIONAL ANTHEM DURING A FIVE-MINUTE TOKEN STRIKE AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN LONDON TODAY.

IN A DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR CHOSEN LEADERS, A CROWD OF NEARLY 150 SANG "WHERE IS MY COUNTRY, WHERE IS MY HOME?"

A NOTICE IN THE EMBASSY FOYER SAID THAT AT NOON EMBASSY STAFF WOULD GO ON A SYMBOLIC TOKEN STRIKE FOR FIVE MINUTES.

AT NOON THE EMBASSY DOOR WAS CLOSED AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK FLAG HOISTED. THROUGH OPEN WINDOWS COULD BE HEARD THE CHURCH BELLS OF PRAGUE RINGING OUT OVER A RADIO. THE CROWD BEGAN TO SING.

SEVERAL YOUNG GIRLS WEPT OPENLY.

EARLIER THE EMBASSY'S FIRST SECRETARY, MILAN GLOZAV, HAD SAID "WE WILL NOT FOLLOW ANY ORDERS FROM THE PUPPET AUTHORITIES. I HOPE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUPPET-REGIME INTO THIS COUNTRY."

DEMONSTRATION IN ZURICH

ZURICH, AUGUST 23 (RFE SPECIAL/PEDERGNANA) -- DEMONSTRATIONS IN SIZE UNHEARD OF IN SWITZERLAND FOR AT LEAST A DECADE SWEEPED THE BIGGER SWISS CITIES LAST NIGHT.

AT BERNE, 15,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN A DEMONSTRATION NEAR THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT. SOME 10,000 WENT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY WHICH WAS PROTECTED BY A STRONG POLICE FORCE. SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE SCUFFLING AND LIMITED FISTICUFFS.

OTHER LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN ZURICH, BASEL, GENEVE, ST. GALL AND OTHER SWISS CITIES AND TOWNS. IN MOST PLACES, THEY WERE ORGANIZED BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES TOGETHER, INCLUDING YOUTH GROUPS AND UNIONS.

IN ZURICH, SOME DEMONSTRATORS PAINTED NAZI SYMBOLS ON THE WINDOWS OF THE RUSSIAN BANK. STUDENTS IN ZURICH COLLECTED 18 000 FRANKS TO AID CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS.

ACCORDING TO A FEDERAL SPOKESMAN, ABOUT 100 CZECHOSLOVAKIANS HAVE TENTATIVELY ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN SWITZERLAND.

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