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MUNICH, AUG 23 (GND/GAERTNER) - ALL RAIL TRAFFIC BETWEEN EAST GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED, THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID TODAY.

IT ALSO SAID THAT A CZECHOSLOVAK COUPLE, A 33-YEAR OLD WAITER AND HIS 22-YEAR OLD WIFE, CROSSED THE CZECHOSLOVAK-BAVARIAN BORDER UNHARMED THIS MORNING AND ASKED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

THE MINISTRY OFFICIALLY TODAY WARNED MOTORISTS NOT RPT NOT TO TRAVEL TO EAST GERMANY BECAUSE THERE WERE NO "SATISFACTORY ROADS FOR CAR DRIVERS" AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION THE EAST GERMAN BORDER GUARDS WERE NOT RPT NOT IN THE POSITION TO GIVE "HARD ADVICE" TO TRAVELLERS ON EXISTING FACILITIES FOR TRAVELLERS, THE MINISTRY SAID.

THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ALL CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WHOSE VISAS HAVE EXPIRED CAN ASK BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES FOR A FOUR-WEEK PROLONGATION OF THEIR TRAVEL PAPERS.

IN ADDITION THEY CAN APPLY WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR FUNDS IF THEY NEED IT.

THE CITY OF MUNICH ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ALL CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS BEING IN NEED OF MONEY CAN CONTACT CITY AUTHORITIES FOR FINANCIAL HELP, THE MINISTRY SAID.

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