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MUNICH, AUG. 24 (GND/MACDONALD)- THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID TODAY THAT ONLY NINE CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES HAD FLED TO WEST GERMANY SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THEY INCLUDE TWO ARMED FORCES OFFICERS - A LIEUTENANT COLONEL WHO FLED BY HELICOPTER AND AN ARMY CAPTAIN WHO CROSSED THE BORDER ON HIS MOTOR CYCLE.

THE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BORDER TRAFFIC DURING THE NIGHT WAS SLIGHT. ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY WEST GERMANS CROSSED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND 23 PEOPLE CROSSED THE BORDER IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT AT THE SHCIRNDING CROSSING POINT ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WERE BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHILE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC AT THE WAIDHAUS AND FUERTH IM WALD CROSSING POINTS WAS NORMAL.

THE TRANSIT CENTRE FOR GERMAN RESETTLERS IN NUREMBERG SAID TODAY THAT 329 PERSONS REGISTERED THERE IN THE WEEK FROM AUG. 17 TO 23. OF THESE, 283 CAME FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 23 FROM YUGOSLAVIA, 11 FROM RUMANIA, TWO FROM HUNGARY AND 10 FROM POLAND.

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