

3,000 CZECHOSLOVAK VISITORS IN BRITAIN

LONDON AUGUST 24--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY SAYS THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE THAN 3,000 CZECHOSLOVAK VISITORS IN BRITAIN AT THE PRESENT TIME, IN ADDITION TO THE 1,000 STUDENTS BROUGHT OVER BY THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND VISITORS SERVICES TO WORK DURING THE VACATION PERIOD. IN HOLIDAY CAMPS, HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

MANY AMATEUR RADIO MESSAGES RECEIVED

LONDON AUGUST 24--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--ERIC DOWDESWELL, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN -- THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS -- SAID YESTERDAY THAT DESPITE JAMMING ATTEMPTS, MEMBERS WERE RECEIVING MANY MESSAGES FROM CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO AMATEURS.

MOST, HE SAID, WERE TO REASSURE THAT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE SAFE, OR TO INFORM CZECHOSLOVAKS VISITING BRITAIN THAT THEIR PROPERTY HAD BEEN DAMAGED.

THEY WERE MOSTLY IN MORSE CODE""

FOCK VISIT REPORTED POSTPONED

VIENNA, AUG 24 (RFE SPICAL/KOCH) -- THE OFFICIAL VISIT BY HUNGARIAN PREMIER JENOE FOCK TO AUSTRIA, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FROM 10 TO 15 SEPTEMBER, WILL BE POSTPONED, RFES VIENNA CORRESPONDENT HAS LEARNED FROM RELIABLY INFORMED AND RESPONSIBLE CIRCLES.

THE PROPOSED VISIT BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT LEADER WHICH HAD NOT AS YET BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY EITHER THE AUSTRIAN OR THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENTS, HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SOURCES SAID.

SWEDISH DEFENSE ORDERED INTO READINESS

STOCKHOLM, AUG 24 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- SWEDENS DEFENSE COUNCIL YESTERDAY DECIDED, IN VIEW OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION, TO KEEP SWEDENS MILITARY IN A "HIGHER STATE" OF READINESS OVER THE WEEKEND.

SOLDIERS NORMALLY ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CASERNS DURING THE WEEKEND TO GO HOME OR ELSEWHERE, BUT WEEKEND PASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW.

THE DEFENSE COUNCIL, HEADED BY THE PRIME AND DEFENSE MINISTERS, SAID THAT THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN SO THAT "WE WILL BE READY TO INCREASE OUR VIGIL AT ONCE IF THE SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE WORSENS."

DANISH-POLISH DISARMAMENT TALKS OFF

COPENHAGEN, AUG 24 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THOMSON) -- A DANISH-POLISH MEETING AT MINISTECIAL LEVEL ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN COPENHAGEN IN OCTOBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ANNOUNCING THIS IN A RADIO BROADCAST LAST NIGHT, THE DANISH MINISTER FOR DISARMAMENT, K.HELVEG PEDERSEN, EXPLAINED THAT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "ARE SO SERIOUS AND SO TRAGIC THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO ACT AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED."

MBW/A/r 1436/68 4 B