

X/13 CS - CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER CROSSING ACTIVITY DROPS

WAIDHAUS, WEST GERMANY, AUG 24 (RFE SPECIAL/MARSH/KYPENA)- THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CROSSING THE BORDER POINT AT WAIDHAUS, WEST GERMANY, DROPPED SHARPLY TODAY.

BAVARIAN BORDER POLICE SAID THAT 73 CROSSED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INCLUDING 51 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS, AND THAT 42 TRAVELLED INTO WEST GERMANY, 12 OF WHOM CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS.

THOSE ARRIVING FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID THAT THEY NOTED NO RPT NO SOVIET CONTROL POLICE BETWEEN PRAGUE AND THE BORDER.

AT NEARBY VOHENSTRAUSS, 18 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WERE BEING QUARTERED IN A SCHOOLHOUSE IN THIS SMALL WEST GERMAN TOWN 13 KMS FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER.

ALL WERE SPENDING VACATIONS OUTSIDE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN THEY RECEIVED WORD THAT THEIR COUNTRY HAD BEEN OCCUPIED

THE GERMAN RED CROSS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE TOWN AUTHORITIES HERE TO HOUSE THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRAVELLERS IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

TODAY, 18 COTS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE GYMNASIUM AND THE GUESTS ARE DOING THEIR LAUNDRY IN THE SHOWER ROOM AND SPENDING MOST OF THEIR TIME LISTENING TO THE UNDERGROUND CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO. ONE OF THEM,

VACATIONING IN FRANCE WHEN NEWS OF THE INVASION WAS BROADCAST, SAID HE AND HIS FAMILY WERE WAITING FOR WORD FROM PRESIDENT SVOBODA ON RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW.

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