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C/S - ISRAEL OFFERS HELP

JERUSALEM, AUG 25 (UPI) - ISRAEL TODAY OFFERED "SHELTER, HOUSING, AND WORK" TO SEVERAL HUNDRED CZECH TOURISTS, MAINLY YOUNG PEOPLE, CAUGHT HERE BY THE SOVIET INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THE ACTION FOLLOWED A MEETING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK VISITORS SATURDAY, AT WHICH THEY VOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR RESTORATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE GROUP IS COMPOSED MAINLY OF INTELLECTUALS, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, AND STUDENTS. ITS CHAIRMAN IS LUBOSZ HULENCZEK, ONE OF THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE LITERARNI LISTY'S EDITORIAL BOARD.

THE LITERARY JOURNAL WAS ONE OF THE SPEARHEADS OF THE CZECH LIBERALIZATION DRIVE.

"MANY OF US WERE ON THE POINT OF RETURNING HOME," HULENCZEK SAID. "UNTIL NOW WE ONLY HEARD OF POLITICAL EMIGRATION, BUT NOW WE FACE IT OURSELVES."

"IF I COULD GO HOME WITHOUT THE CERTAINTY OF IMMEDIATE ARREST I WOULD, BUT SITTING IN PRISON WON'T HELP MY COUNTRY," HULENCZEK CONTINUED.

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