

X/4 C/S - CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER SAYS NO RPT NO SOVIET AID ASKED

MUNICH, AUG 25 (CMD)-- CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER OF CULTURE MIROSLAV GALUSKA SAID TODAY THAT NONE RPT NONE OF HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES HAD REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHER COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO THE YUGOSLAV TANJUG NEWS AGENCY.

IN A DISPATCH DATED, PRAGUE, TANJUG QUOTED GALUSKA AS SAYING THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS ASKED FOR ANY SORT OF ASSISTANCE -- MUCH LESS ARMED ASSISTANCE -- FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

ACCORDING TO TANJUG GALUSKA ALSO SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY EMPHASIZED AND WAS AGAIN EMPHASIZING THAT THE OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY WAS ILLEGAL.

TANJUG DID NOT RPT NOT EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING GALUSKA'S STATEMENT NOR CITE ANY SOURCE FOR IT, BUT THE AGENCY ADDED IN THE SAME DISPATCH:

"THE GOVERNMENT WHICH STILL WORKS IN UNDERGROUND CONDITIONS HAS SENT AN APPEAL TO ALL WORKERS TO GO TO THEIR JOBS TODAY, TOO, NOT RPT NOT TO LEAVE, AND TO PROTECT THEM.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS CHAMBERS WHICH ARE IN INCESSANT SESSION, ALL CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE BODIES CARRY OUT TASKS SET UP BY THE LEGITIMATE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT."

(TANJUG AUG 25, 1506 MT)

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