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X/13 CS FREE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION ON THE AIR AGAIN

VIENNA, AUG 25 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- BROADCASTING ON CZECHOSLOVAK HOME CHANNELS NUMBER SIX, EIGHT, TEN AND TWELVE - AND WELL RECEIVED IN VIENNA- THE CZECHOSLOVAK "FREE TELEVISION - STUDIO PRAGUE" WAS ON THE AIR ELEVEN TIMES ON SUNDAY.

AFTER HAVING OPENED OPERATION AT (1200 (MT) , THE STATION, CALLING ITSELF "FREE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION - A STATION OF THE LEGAL CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT", WAS ON THE AIR EVERY FULL HOUR WITH 20 MINUTES OF PICTURE AND SOUND.

BROADCASTING FROM AN IMPROVISED STUDIO, THE STATION PRESENTED ITS LISTENERS WITH INTERVIEWS SHOWING AMONG OTHERS THE PRAGUE NATIONAL THEATER ACTRESS BLANKA BOHDALOVA, ACTOR AND CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION MEMBER V. SKUTINA, A MEMBER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH ORGANIZATION, TWO MEMBERS OF THE WORKERS MILITIA.

IN ADDITION, THE PRAGUE TELEVISION STUDIO BROADCAST A RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED "RUDE PRAVO" EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, JIRI SEKYRA.

TO DOCUMENT THAT "CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION DIRECTOR-GENERAL JIRI PELIKAN IS STILL ALIVE", AN INTERVIEW WITH PELIKAN FILMED ONLY TWO DAYS EARLIER, WAS SHOWN.

IN SOME OF THE 20 MINUTE PROGRAMS, THE ANNOUNCER PRESENTED REVIEWS OF THE PRAGUE AND PROVINCIAL PRESS FROM SEVERAL BOHEMIAN REGIONS, SHOWING THE SMALL-SIZE ONE PAGE NEWSPAPERS WHICH HAD APPEARED ON SUNDAY MORNING "DESPITE THE OCCUPATION OF PRINTING HOUSES BY SOVIET TROOPS".

ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS, THE PRAGUE STUDIO IS ONLY ONE PART OF A CHAIN OF TELEVISION STATIONS LOCATED IN NORTHERN BOHEMIA, SOUTHERN BOHEMIA, IN HRADEC KRALOVE AND PLZEN WITH GOOD RECEPTION IN MOST BOHEMIAN AND SOME MORAVIAN REGIONS.

ALTHOUGH THE PRAGUE TELEVISION STATION HAD ANNOUNCED REPEATEDLY DURING THE DAY THAT IT WILL BROADCAST ITS LAST PROGRAM AT 2200 HOURS, IT CAME ON THE AIR FOR THE LAST TIME AT 2100 (MT).

AT 2200 HOURS NO RECEPTION WAS POSSIBLE IN VIENNA. THERE WAS NO SIGNAL WHATSOEVER ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION CHANNEL.

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