

# COMMITTEE TO HELP STRANDED CZECHOSLOVAKS

LONDON, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/HOOD) - A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED IN LONDON, WITH THE HELP OF THE BRITISH WRITERS GUILD, TO ASSIST THE CZECHOSLOVAKS STRANDED IN BRITAIN AS A RESULT OF THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION.

AN URGENT APPEAL HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR JOBS, ACCOMMODATION, FUNDS AND A HALL WHERE CZECHOSLOVAKS COULD MEET AND LEARN ABOUT THIS AID.

AMONG THE ORGANIZERS ARE VLADIMIR VALENTA, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCREEN WRITERS GUILD OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MISS LYN HAVILAND, WHO RETURNED RECENTLY FROM PRAGUE, AND MGS. YVETTE JARRICO, A FRENCH WRITER WHO WAS TO HAVE BEEN A CORRESPONDENT FOR A NEW CZECHOSLOVAK LITERARY DAILY, LIDOVE NOVINY, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCHING IN OCTOBER.

MISS HAVILAND SAID LAST NIGHT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD COLLECTED 350 MESSAGES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKS NOW IN BRITAIN AND FORWARDED THEM TO VIENNA, FROM WHERE IT IS HOPED SOMEONE WILL GET THEM TO PRAGUE IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

# BRITISH HOMES TAKE CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS

LONDON, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/HOOD) - NEARLY 200 STRANDED CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN HOSPITALITY IN ENGLISH HOMES AS THE RESULT OF A CAMPAIGN BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS AND THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS.

OFFICIALS SAID THERE HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF OFFERS OF PRIVATE HOSPITALITY, TRANSPORT AND VOLUNTARY WORK OF ALL KINDS, AND WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS IT WAS HOPED THAT ALL WHO HAVE OFFERED WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A CZECHOSLOVAK GUEST.

# AUSTRALIANS URGED TO CUT SOVIET TIES

MELBOURNE, AUG 26 (REUTER) - THE VICTORIAN DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY EXECUTIVE TODAY CALLED ON THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CLOSE AUSTRALIAN PORTS TO RUSSIAN SHIPS.

THE MINORITY OPPOSITION PARTY RECOMMENDED THAT AUSTRALIAS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS BE INSTRUCTED TO PRESS FOR WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA AND OTHER WARSAW PACT NATIONS WHICH INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

# SILENT OBSERVANCE IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, AUG 26 (UPI) - THE DUTCH PEOPLE WILL EXPRESS THEIR SYMPATHY THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE BY OBSERVING A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE TUESDAY.

THE TWO-MINUTE SILENCE (AT 1300 MT) WILL PRECEDE A STATEMENT PREMIER PIET DE JONG WILL MAKE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SECOND CHAMBER (LOWER HOUSE) OF PARLIAMENT.

THE APPEAL TO THE DUTCH PEOPLE FOR THE SILENT DEMONSTRATION WAS MADE BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT EXCEPT THE COMMUNISTS AND THE THREE TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS. IT FOLLOWED A WEEKEND OF MANY DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK AND AGAINST THE SOVIET INTERVENTION.