

CS - SHORTER ITEMS

CS DELEGATES FAIL TO ARRIVE

COPENHAGEN, AUG. 26, REUTER - THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATES FAILED TO ARRIVE WHEN BRITAIN'S ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH CONFERENCE OPENED HERE THIS MORNING. PROFESSOR O. GREGOR FROM PRAGUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN SPEAKERS AT TODAY'S SESSION.

THE CONFERENCE IS ATTENDED BY SOME 450 DELEGATES. IT WAS DECLARED OPENED THIS MORNING BY THE SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT, LORD COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD.

FILIPINOS BARRED FROM PACT COUNTRIES

MANILA, AUG. 26, REUTER -- PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS TODAY BANNED ALL VISITS BY FILIPINOS TO THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AS A CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET UNION'S INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT SAID THE ORDER, WHICH ALSO REVOKED ALL PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED VISITS, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE U.S.S.R., EAST GERMANY, BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND POLAND.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE ORDER WAS MADE TO SHOW "THIS COUNTRY'S CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET AGGRESSION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

IT SAID THE PRESIDENT APPROVED A FOREIGN OFFICE RECOMMENDATION THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA, ALL THE PHILIPPINES COULD DO TO SHOW DISAPPROVAL OF RUSSIA'S ACTION WAS TO CANCEL ALL VISITS OF FILIPINOS TO THAT COUNTRY.

NO FORMALITIES FOR REFUGEES IN SWITZERLAND

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, AUG. 26 REUTER - SWITZERLAND TODAY ANNOUNCED IT WAS SWEEPING ASIDE ALL USUAL FORMALITIES TO HELP CZECHOSLOVAKIANS SEEKING TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT ASYLUM.

THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GIVEN A THREE MONTH RESIDENCE PERMIT, WILL NOT NEED TO FILL IN ANY DETAILED FORMS IF ASKING FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM AND WILL BE GIVEN WORK PERMITS IF THEY WANT THEM AS WELL AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

1,700 CZECHOSLOVAKS IN ITALY

ROME, AUG. 26 -- (RFE SPECIAL/TEMPEST) -- THE NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS CURRENTLY IN ITALY IS LITTLE MORE THAN 1,700, ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES.

THE MAJORITY -- ABOUT 1,100 -- ARE IN THE COUNTRY AS TOURISTS, STRANDED BY THE SOVIET INVASION, THOUGH THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN ROME TODAY INFORMED CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS THAT ROAD AND RAIL COMMUNICATIONS BACK TO THE COUNTRY WERE NOW OPEN.

ONLY ABOUT 460 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WORK OR STUDY IN ITALY, IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

REFUGEE CAMPS REPORT A TOTAL OF ABOUT 140 CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO HAD ASKED ASYLUM BEFORE THE CRISIS.

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