

SWEDISH CP LEADER TO PARIS DUE TO CSSR, VIETNAM

STOCKHOLM, AUG 26 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN CARL-HENRIK HERMANSSON DEPARTED FOR PARIS YESTERDAY ON A MISSION INVOLVING BOTH VIETNAM AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BEFORE LEAVING, HERMANSSON SAID HE WOULD SEEK TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PEACE-PROBING DELEGATION IN PARIS, IN ORDER TO EXPRESS THE SWEDISH CPS SOLIDARITY WITH HANOI AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

ALTHOUGH THE TRIP WAS PLANNED BEFORE THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HERMANSSON SAID HE ALSO WILL TAKE UP THIS SITUATION IN PARIS.

"I INTEND TO GET IN TOUCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY," HE SAID, "TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES OF MEASURES TO SUPPORT CZECHOSLOVAKIAS COMMUNIST PARTY."

HERMANSSON IS TENTATIVELY DUE TO RETURN HERE TOMORROW.

CZECHOSLOVAK CARAVAN STARTS HOME FROM STOCKHOLM TODAY

STOCKHOLM, AUG 26 -- (RFE SPECIAL/PURRE) -- TWO TOURIST BUSES WITH ROUGHLY 150 CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS STRANDED IN SWEDEN ARE SCHEDULED TO START HOME FROM STOCKHOLM THIS AFTERNOON VIA WEST GERMANY TO ROZVADOV ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK FRONTIER. ON ITS WAY THE CARAVAN IS TO BE JOINED BY ONE MORE BUS AT HELSINGBORG AND A NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAKS IN THEIR OWN PRIVATE CARS.

AMONG THE TOURISTS TAKING THIS WAY HOME ARE 32 CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO CAME TO STOCKHOLM FRIDAY ON THE SOVIET CRUISER "MARIA ULIANOVA". THEY LEFT THE SHIP HERE, SAYING THEY WOULD NOT RETURN HOME VIA LENINGRAD AS THEIR PLANS HAD CALLED FOR.

THE TRANSPORT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS ORGANIZED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY AND THE STOCKHOLM OFFICE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TOURIST AGENCY "CEDOK", WHILE THE SWEDISH RED CROSS HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FOOT THE BILL. THE RED CROSS IS ALSO PROVIDING THE PRIVATE CZECHOSLOVAK MOTORISTS WITH MONEY FOR GASOLINE.

THE CARAVAN IS EXPECTED TO REACH CZECHOSLOVAKIA WEDNESDAY. SOME 300-400 CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CEDOK OFFICE TO HEAR ABOUT POSSIBILITIES TO TRAVEL HOME. SOME HAVE SAID THEY ARE STAYING WITH RELATIVES OR FRIENDS AND PREFER TO WAIT AND SEE BEFORE THEY GO BACK, A SPOKESMAN OF THE OFFICE SAID.

NORWAY MAY BOYCOTT OLYMPICS DUE TO INVASION

STOCKHOLM, AUG 26 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- NORWAYS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTRYS NATIONAL ATHLETIC UNION WILL MEET LATER TODAY TO DISCUSS PULLING OUT OF THE MEXICO CITY OLYMPICS DUE TO THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOERGEN JARHE SAID YESTERDAY "WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY, ITS MY OPINION THAT IT IS UNTHINKABLE FOR NORWAY TO TAKE PART IN MEXICO CITY IF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER."

MEANTIME, THE SWEDISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL THE SCANDINAVIAN OPEN CHAMIONSHIPS WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN SWEDEN NOV. 29-DEC. 1. THE ASSOCIATION SAID THE COMPETITION WOULD HAVE "NO SPORTSMAN-LIKE MOTIVATION WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF LEADING TABLE TENNIS COUNTRIES AND THERE IS NO TIME TO AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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