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SITUATION NORMAL AT WEST GERMAN-CZECHOSLOVAK CROSSING-POINTS

MUNICH, AUG. 26 (GND/TORMAY) -- THE SITUATION IS NORMAL AT THE THREE WEST GERMAN-CZECHOSLOVAK CROSSING POINTS, SCHIRNDING, Waidhaus and Furth-im-Wald, a spokesman of the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior said at noon.

IN SCHIRNDING DURING THE NIGHT A SOVIET OFFICER APPEARED FOR A SHORT TIME ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE OF THE BORDER AND OBSERVED WITHOUT INTERFERING IN THE HANDLING OF THE TRAVELERS.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER GUARDS LET PASS ALL PEOPLE WITH VALID VISAS.

DURING THE NIGHT FROM 1800 TO 0600 MT. 41 PERSONS ENTERED AND 115 PERSONS-MAINLY CZECHOSLOVAKS LEFT WEST GERMANY AT THE THREE CROSSING-POINTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FREE HUNGARIANS "DUMBFOUNDED" AT HUNGARIAN ARMY IN CS

PARIS AUG. 26 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) ---- NEARLY ALL HUNGARIANS MUST DISAPPROVE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF HUNGARIAN UNITS IN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ACCORDING TO THE HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE FOR THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES, PAUL AUER.

AUER, WHO WAS FREE HUNGARY'S LAST AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND IS NOW HEADING THE LEAGUE, MONDAY SAID THAT THE THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIANS WHO HAD LEFT THEIR COUNTRY TO ESCAPE ITS TOTALITARIAN SYSTEM, WERE "DUMBFOUNDED AND EMBITTERED" THAT HUNGARIANS TROOPS "HAD TO PARTICIPATE, EVEN SYMBOLICALLY ONLY, IN THE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST A PEOPLE THAT WANTS TO SECURE ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION".

"IF OUR PEOPLE COULD FREELY MAKE KNOWN ITS OPINION, IT IS CERTAIN THAT AT LEAST 95 PER CENT OF ALL HUNGARIANS WOULD DISAPPROVE THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE HUNGARIAN TROOPS", AUER DECLARED.

FRENCH TOWN FLIES CZECHOSLOVAK BANNER

PARIS, AUGUST 26 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) - - - THE CITY HALL OF RENNES IN BRITTANY, THE "TWIN-TOWN" OF BRNO IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TODAY HOISTED THE CZECHOSLOVAK FLAG TO FLY ALONGSIDE THE CITY BANNER AND THE TRICOLEUR OF FRANCE.

THE GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY. ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, WAS FOLLOWED BY THE DESPATCH OF A TELEGRAM OF SYMPATHY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN PARIS.

THE RENNES COUNCIL ALSO OPENED A VISITORS BOOK AT CITY HALL TO GATHER SIGNATURES OF TOWNFOLK IN SYMPATHY WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE.

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