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X/13 - C/S - AUSTRIAN PEN CLUB APPEALS

VIENNA, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH) -- THE AUSTRIAN PEN-CLUB ON BEHALF OF ITS COLLEAGUES IN PRAGUE HAS SENT A TELEGRAM OF APPEAL TO THE PEN CLUBS OF FOUR OF THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS HAVING INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO UNDERTAKE STEPS TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS IN THE OCCUPIED COUNTRY.

THE AUSTRIAN PEN CLUB APPEAL ADDRESSED TO THE PEN CLUBS IN POLAND, EAST GERMANY, BULGARIA AND HUNGARY, READS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN THAT THE PRAGUE CENTRAL OFFICE IS OCCUPIED, WE BEG YOU TO UNDERTAKE STEPS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF OUR CZECHOSLOVAK PEN-COLLEAGUES."

THE TELEGRAM APPEAL WAS SIGNED BY PROFESSOR CSOKOR AND PROF. HILDE SPIEL OF THE AUSTRIAN PEN CLUB.

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