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X/13 BERLIN-- CITY GOVERNMENT MEETS ON CSSR EVENTS

BERLIN, AUG. 26 (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF)-- WEST BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR KLAUS SCHUETZ TODAY MET WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT (SENATE) TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND "A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN THIS CONNECTION," ACCORDING TO A CITY SPOKESMAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SENATORS WERE INFORMED THAT TWO SOVIET-SPONSORED EVENTS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN WEST BERLIN NEXT MONTH WERE CANCELLED IN PROTEST AGAINST THE INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE CANCELLATIONS WERE MADE BY THE WEST BERLIN ORGANIZERS "UPON INITIATIVE OF THE POLITICALLY RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES," THE SENATE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EVENTS INVOLVED WERE AN EXHIBITION OF SOVIET PRODUCTS WHICH WAS TO BE SHOWN BY A WEST BERLIN FIRM FROM SEPT. 6 TO 15 AND PERFORMANCES OF THE SOVIET "ICE CIRCUS" AT THE 10,000-SEAT DEUTSCHLANDHALLE ARENA.

THE SENATE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT 40 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS CURRENTLY STAYING IN WEST BERLIN ARE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

AT THE SENATE MEETING TODAY FULL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT IT WAS THE FOREMOST TASK OF CITY GOVERNMENT POLICY TO "ADJOIN THE CITY, UNDER THE ROOF OF THE THREE PROTECTIVE POWERS, AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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