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SWISS RED CROSS AID TO CSSR

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, AUG 26, REUTER - THE SWISS RED CROSS SOCIETY SAID TODAY IT HAS GIVEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK RED CROSS 2.800 UNITS OF BLOOD PLASMA.

THE PLASMA WAS HANDED OVER TO CZECHOSLOVAK RED CROSS OFFICIALS AT THE AUSTRIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK FRONTIER, IT ADDED.

THE SWISS SOCIETY SAID IT WAS ALSO PREPARING A SHIPMENT OF MEDICINE AND BABY FOOD.

CSSR EAST BERLIN EMBASSY GETS SUPPORT

EAST BERLIN, AUG. 26, REUTER - THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY HERE HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST 2,000 MESSAGES AND GESTURES OF SUPPORT FROM EAST GERMANS, EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

"PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMING IN HERE STEADILY SINCE LAST THURSDAY AND GIVING US WRITTEN OR VERBAL MESSAGES OF SUPPORT. SOME WRITE DOWN THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES BUT OTHERS ARE ANONYMOUS," ONE OFFICIAL SAID.

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER, INCLUDING THE MANY TELEPHONE CALLS OF SUPPORT WE HAD IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS, BUT IT WOULD BE BETWEEN 2,000 AND 3,000."

BUT TODAY THE EAST BERLIN POLICE AT THE EMBASSY GATES STARTED CHECKING ON ALL CALLERS AND ANYONE GOING IN HAD TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION PAPERS.

EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO GATHERINGS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING SINCE LAST WEEK WHEN GROUPS OF PEOPLE APPLAUDED CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATS ENTERING AND LEAVING.

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