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MUNICH, AUG 27 (GND/MACDONALD) -- CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S BORDER TO WEST GERMANY WAS VIRTUALLY SEALED TO FOREIGNERS TODAY.

THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID THAT ONLY AT THE FURTH-IM WOLD CROSSING-POINT WERE A FEW NON-CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS BEING ALLOWED THROUGH "IN URGENT EXCEPTIONAL CASES" SUCH AS THE DEATH OF A RELATIVE.

THE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT THE OTHER TWO CROSSING-POINTS BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA--WAIDHAUS AND SCHIRNDING -- ONLY CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE BEING PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CSSR.

AT WAIDHAUS AND SCHIRNDING, TOO, NO CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE BEING PERMITTED TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR WEST GERMANY.

ONLY AT FURTH-IM-WOLD ARE THOSE CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WITH VALID VISAS BEING ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

(RFE/SPECIAL/MARSH) THE BORDER BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WEST GERMANY AT WAIDHAUS WAS SEALED TIGHTER THIS MORNING AS SOVIET TANKS WERE POSITIONED 300 METERS FROM CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER CONTROL POINTS.

THE VARIOUS BORDER POLICE OFFICIALS ON THE WEST GERMAN SIDE SAID EVEN NON CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATS WERE BARRED FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY.

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