

C/S - SHORTER ITEMS

CZECHOSLOVAKS PROTEST TO ZORIN

PARIS, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) - - - AROUND 100 CZECHOSLOVAKS IN FRANCE HAVE SENT A LETTER TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO PARIS VALERIAN ZORIN VOICING SUPPORT FOR THE DUBCEK REGIME.

THE CZECHOSLOVAKS -- TOURISTS, SPORTSMEN AND MEMBERS OF VARIOUS VISITING DELEGATIONS - - SAID IN THEIR LETTER RELEASED TO THE PRESS: "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE ONLY OUTCOME OF THE DEPLOYABLE INTERVENTION OF ARMED FORCES IN OUR COUNTRY LIES IN ABSOLUTE RESPECT OF THE DEMANDS DEFENDED IN MOSCOW BY OUR LEADERS.

"THESE LEADERS ARE DEFENDING NOT ONLY THE INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR PARTY, BUT ALSO THE HOPE OF THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT WHICH IS SHAKEN BY THE BLOW STRUCK AT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND REPUBLIC."

EXDIPLOMAT RETURNS POLISH, HUNGARIAN, DECORATIONS

PARIS, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/EDWARDS) - - A FORMER DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOCIALIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS RETURNED DECORATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENTS AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE INVASION OF HIS COUNTRY.

THE EXDIPLOMAT IS ARTUR LONDON, WHO WAS DEPUTY TO FOREIGN MINISTER CVLADO CLEMENTIS, EXECUTED IN 1952. HE REVEALED HIS ACTION IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED TODAY IN PARIS.

LONDON SAID HE HAD SENT BACK TO THE POLISH EMBASSY IN PARIS THE SILVER CROSS OF THE ORDER "VIRTUTI MILITARI", AWARDED TO HIM IN 1948. HE HAD ALSO SENT TO THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY TWO DECORATIONS GIVEN TO HIM BY THE BUDAPEST GOVERNMENT IN 1950 AND 1966.

IN IDENTICAL LETTERS TO THE TWO AMBASSADORS, LONDON SAID HE HAD BEEN "PROUD" WHEN HE HAD RECEIVED THESE HONORS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE. BUT "TODAY, WHEN THE ARMIES OF YOUR COUNTRY ARE INVADING AND OCCUPYING THE SOIL OF MY COUNTRY, IN VIOLATION OF THE SOCIALIST IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH OUR CZECH AND SLOVAK PEOPLES ARE STRUGGLING, UNITED BEHIND THEIR DEMOCRATICALLY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT...

I CAN NO LONGER KEEP THESE DECORATIONS. IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I RETURN THEM TO YOU."

GDR AUTHORITIES EASE TRAVEL BAN

MUNICH, AUG 27 (GND/DPA) -- GDR AUTHORITIES TODAY EASED THE TRAVEL BAN, IMPOSED MONDAY, FOR THE DISTRICTS OF LEIPZIG, DRESDEN, AND CHEMNITZ. A SPOKESMAN OF THE BAVARIAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR SAID.

SINCE THIS MORNING TRAVELERS PASSING THE CHECKPOINT AT HOF-GUET-ENFURST IN BAVARIA MAY AGAIN TRAVEL TO HALLE AND LEIPZIG.

THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE MONDAY TRAVEL-BAN TO THE THREE GDR DISTRICTS WAS THE FACT THAT THEY LAY IN THE OPERATIONAL TERRITORY OF THE GDR ARMY AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CSSR TOURISTS DEPART DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, AUG 27 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THOMSON) -- SOME 145 CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS WHO WERE ON HOLIDAY IN DENMARK AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION TODAY EMBARKED ON A BUS JOURNEY BACK TO PRAGUE.

THE CZECHS, TRAVELLING IN BUSES CHARTERED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN, LEFT THE DANISH CAPITAL EARLY THIS MORNING AND ARE TRAVELLING VIA WEST GERMANY TO THE CZECH BORDER.