

POLISH AIRLINE BARRED FROM USE OF CORRIDOR

BONN, AUG. 27 (RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT) -- THE POLISH AIRLINE "LOT" HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO USE THE BERLIN-FRANKFURT AIR CORRIDOR FOR ITS ONCE-WEEKLY FLIGHT FROM WARSAW TO FRANKFURT, A BONN TRANSPORT MINISTRY SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT LOT HAD APPROACHED BRITISH AUTHORITIES ON THE USE OF THE CORRIDOR AFTER ITS NORMAL FLIGHT ROUTE OVER CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS BLOCKED AS THE RESULT OF THE WARSAW PACT OCCUPATION.

THE BRITISH REFUSED PERMISSION ON THE GROUND THAT POLAND HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. "LOTS" RIGHTS TO OVERFLY WEST GERMANY IN TRANSIT TO BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE NOT BEEN CURTAILED, HOWEVER, THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY SAID.

FIVE MINUTES SILENCE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA (RELEADS CN-146, 1ST ITEM)

VIENNA, AUG 26 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH)-- TRAFFIC IN THE STREETS AND WORK IN OFFICES AND FACTORIES CAME TO A FIVE-MINUTE STANDSTILL AT NOON TODAY IN VIENNA AS AUSTRIANS PAID TRIBUTE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE FIVE MINUTES OF SILENCE HAD BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION TO COMMEMORATE CZECHOSLOVAK RESISTANCE TO THE INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

IN A RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION, AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION CHIEF ANTON BENYA SAD "TOGETHER WE WISH TO THINK OF THOSE WHO AT THIS MOMENT UNDER GREAT DANGER ARE STRUGGLING FOR THE FREEDOM OF THEIR NATION AND THOSE WHO PAID FOR THIS STRUGGLE WITH THEIR LIFE AND HEALTH. FULL OF ADMIRATION WE BOW TO THE COURAGE OF OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WHICH WHEN AUSTRIA LOST ITS FREEDOM, DID SO MUCH FOR THE AUSTRIANS".

HE CONTINUED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE "THAT THIS STRUGGLE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATION AND LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT HAS THE FULLEST SYMPATHIES OF ALL AUSTRIANS."

VIETNAM COMMITTEE CONDEMNS SOVIET AGGRESSION

STOCKHOLM, AUG 27 (RFE SPECIAL/PURRE)-- THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR VIETNAM PUBLISHED A STATEMENT TODAY IN WHICH IT CONDEMNED THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE STATEMENT SAID:

"THE SOVIET ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS RIGHTLY AROUSED A GENERAL ABHORRENCE. THE MASS MEDIA AS WELL AS PUBLIC OPINION HAVE SPEEDILY AND STRONGLY REACTED TO THE SOVIET AGGRESSION. WE HOPE THAT THIS MASSIVE EXPRESSION OF OPINION WILL PROFIT THE FREEDOM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

THE PRO-NLF SWEDISH COMMITTEE WAS FOUNDED SLIGHTLY MORE THAN A YEAR AGO AND HAS HITHERTO NEVER MADE ANY ANTI-SOVIET PRONOUNCEMENTS.