

## UN ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

LONDON, AUGUST 28--(RFE SPECIAL/HOOD)--

THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF BRITAIN ISSUED A STATEMENT YESTERDAY REAFFIRMING ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TRUSTING THAT THE FOREIGN TROOPS WOULD BE "SPEEDILY WITHDRAWN".

THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE FOLLOWS:

THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, REAFFIRMING ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME OF ITS ALLIES AS A BREACH OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER,

EXPRESSES ITS ADMIRATION FOR THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS, TRUSTS THAT THE FOREIGN TROOPS WILL BE SPEEDILY WITHDRAWN AND THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WILL BE FREE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN STATES.

IT BELIEVES THAT RECENT EVENTS HAVE DEALT A SERIOUS BLOW TO IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN EUROPE, BUT EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONFERENCE ON ALL-EUROPEAN SECURITY WILL BE EXPLORED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

## BRITAIN TO ASSIST STRANDED STUDENTS

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CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS STRANDED HERE WERE TOLD TODAY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT THEM TO TAKE TEMPORARY JOBS AND TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL HELP.

A MEETING OF OFFICIALS OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY DAVID ENNALS, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY AT THE HOME OFFICE (MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR) THAT NO ONE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RETURN HOME AT PRESENT AND THAT NEEDY STUDENTS COULD RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY.

VARIOUS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ARE SERVING AS CLEARING HOUSES TO FIND ACCOMMODATION, JOBS AND AID FOR THE STUDENTS.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 3,000 PEOPLE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN BRITAIN AT PRESENT, OF WHOM 2,00 ARE STUDENTS, WITH HALF OF THEM WORKING IN HOLIDAY CAMPS, HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

## CS TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS IN SWEDEN

SOELVESBORG, SWEDEN AUG 28 (UPI)--THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TABLE TENNIS STARS JAROSLAV STANEK AND STEPHAN KOLLAROWITZ ARRIVED HERE EARLY THIS MORNING FOR THE FINAL OF THE EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS CUP AGAINST THE SWEDISH TEAM SOELVESBORG.

THEY ARRIVED FROM LUXEMBURG VIA BRUSSELS.

"WE LEFT PRAGUE LAST AUGUST 8. WE WERE SHOCKED WHEN WE HEARD THE REPORTS ABOUT THE OCCUPATION OF OUR COUNTRY," STANEK SAID.

"WE HAVE NOT HEARD A WORD FROM OUR HOMES BUT WE HOPE AND THINK THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO OUR RELATIVES," STANEK ADDED.

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