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C/S -- 60,000 CZECHOSLOVAKS STRANDED IN YUGOSLAVIA

MUNICH, AUGUST 28 (CNR) CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PREMIER OTA SIK TOLD BELGRADE RADIO IN AN INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT THAT 60,000 CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE "STRANDED" IN YUGOSLAVIA, RADIO PRAGUE SAID TODAY.

RADIO PRAGUE, IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAST, QUOTED DR. SIK AS SAYING THAT CZECHS AND SLOVAKS "MUST NEVER FORGET THE GENEROSITY OF THE YUGOSLAVS WHO ARE GIVING MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO SOMETHING LIKE 60,000 CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS WHO ARE STRANDED IN YUGOSLAVIA."

THE RADIO ALSO QUOTED DR. SIK AS SAYING THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS NOW IN YUGOSLAVIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY DID NOT DIFFER IN THEIR ATTITUDE TO THE RECENT EVENTS.

(RADIO PRAGUE 1417 M.T.)

THE YUGOSLAV NEWSAGENCY TANJUG SAID TODAY THAT, BEGINNING AUGUST 27, THE YUGOSLAV RAILWAYS WERE TRANSPORTING FREE OF CHARGE ON ALL LINES THE CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WHO WERE RETURNING HOME.

THE AGENCY SAID THAT ANY CZECHOSLOVAK WHO WANTED TO MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRANSPORT SHOULD REPORT TO THE NEAREST RAILWAY STATION WHICH WOULD ISSUE HIM WITH A FREE CERTIFICATE FOR A TRIP TO A YUGOSLAV RAILWAY FRONTIER CROSSING.

THE AGENCY ALSO SAID THAT I.N.A., A MAJOR DISTRIBUTOR OF GASOLINE, WAS GIVING FREE PETROL TO CZECHOSLOVAKS RETURNING BY CAR OR BUS.

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