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VIENNA, AUG 28 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH -- A CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHERS TO BE HELD IN VIENNA FROM SEPTEMBER 2 TO 9, WILL PROBABLY BE ATTENDED BY NEARLY 3,000 PHILOSOPHERS FROM 65 COUNTRIES INSTEAD OF THE 2,000 ORIGINALLY EXPECTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED IN VIENNA.

THE MEETING, THE "14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR PHILOSOPHY" WHICH WILL BE HOSTED BY VIENNA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR FOR PHILOSOPHY, LEO GABRIEL, WILL HAVE AS ITS MAIN THEME "THE POWER OF COMMONSENSE". MORE THAN 1,000 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES HAVE ALREADY BEEN BOUND IN TWO VOLUMES AVAILABLE TO THE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS.

PROFESSOR GABRIEL SAID THAT HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO HOLD A DISCUSSION MEETING BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET PHILOSOPHERS IF THE MEMBERS FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL AGREE TO MEET.

TWO TELEVISED MEETINGS BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONGRESS ARE PLANNED FOR BROADCAST. THE FIRST WILL BE AIRED ON SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER AT IN THE LATE EVENING WHILE THE SECOND PROGRAM WILL BE TAPED AND BROADCAST AFTER THE CONGRESS IS OVER.

LISTS OF THE CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE AND WILL NOT BE MADE KNOWN UNTIL THE CONGRESS BEGINS NEXT MONDAY.

PROFESSOR GABRIEL LET IT BE KNOWN THAT AN ADDITIONAL 53 SOVIET PHILOSOPHERS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR ATTENTION TO ATTEND, BRINGING THE USSR GROUP TO A TOTAL OF SOME 220 PARTICIPANTS. PROFESSOR GABRIEL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD NOT BE MISUED FOR ONE-SIDED PROPAGANDA THOUGH EXPECTING THAT POLITICAL ISSUES WOULD BE RAISED AT THE EVENT.

AFTER THE CONGRESS IS ENDED, SEVERAL OF THE MORE PROMINENT PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING GEORG LUKACS (HUNGARY) -- BETRAND RUSSEL (GREAT BRITAIN) -- ERNST BLOCH (WEST GERMANY) -- AND GABRIEL MARCEL (FRANCE) WILL HOLD A NUMBER OF PUBLIC LECTURES IN VIENNA.

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