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X/4 C/S -- GOVERNMENT TO ASK FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

MUNICH, AUGUST 29 (CMD) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT WILL SEND A LETTER WITHIN A FEW DAYS TO THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE TROOPS INVADED IT ASKING FOR TALKS ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR FORCES, SAID FREE RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA LAST NIGHT IN A REPORT ON WEDNESDAY'S MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO DISCLOSED THAT WITHIN TWO WEEKS A BASIS WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRIVED AT FOR ECONOMIC TALKS IN MOSCOW. IT SAID THESE PREPARATIONS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE DRAFT OF A REPARATIONS AGREEMENT FOR THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE INVASION.

THE REPORT GAVE NO INDICATION OF WHAT REPARATIONS HAD BEEN DEMANDED.

THE REPORT SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT "STRIVES FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF A FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AT ANY HOUR DURING DAY OR NIGHT."

THE REPORT SAID "MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE THE RETURN OF (CZECHOSLOVAK) CITIZENS POSSIBLE WHO STAYED ABROAD IN THE LAST DAYS."

THE GOVERNMENT REPORT ALSO SAID "WITHIN A FEW DAYS, A DOCUMENT WILL HAVE BEEN ELABORATED, IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL ADDRESS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO OPEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TALKS ON A GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY."

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