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C/S -- AUSTRIA REJECTS "GREEN BERET" REPORT

VIENNA, AUG 29 (UPI)--NEUTRAL AUSTRIA TODAY ENERGETICALLY REJECTED SOVIET PRESS REPORTS SAYING AUSTRIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE MIS-USED TO TRAIN SPECIAL U.S. "GREEN BERET" UNITS FOR ACTION IN TROUBLE-RIDDEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

AN AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID AUSTRIA'S AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, DR. WALTER WOHAK, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO "CALL ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND STRONGLY REJECT SUCH UNBASED ACCUSATIONS."

THE SOVIET LITERARY MAGAZINE LITERARY GAZETTE SAID AUSTRIAN ARMY BARRACKS AT SIEZENHEIM NEAR SALZBURG WERE MIS-USED TO TRAIN U.S. TYPE "GREEN BERET" UNITS FOR ACTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. MEMBERS OF THESE UNITS, THE PAPER CHARGED, WERE SMUGGLED AS TOURISTS ACROSS THE AUSTRO-CZECH BORDER TO SUPPORT "REACTIONARY FORCES" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID AMBASSADOR WODAK WAS ASKED TO "ENERGETICALLY OBJECT TO SUCH FALSE REPORTS" AND TO "EXPRESS" AUSTRIA'S HOPE THAT THE UNMOTIVATED ACCUSATIONS WILL BE REVOKED."

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