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MUNICH, AUG 29 (GND/KYPENA/IM)- MANY CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS ARE WAITING IN WEST GERMANY TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS AT HOME BEFORE RETURNING TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN MUNICH ALONE, SINCE LAST FRIDAY MORE THAN 280 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO REMAIN TEMPORARILY AND TO TAKE JOBS, THE MUNICH EMPLOYMENT OFFICE SAID TODAY.

THE REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF RESIDENCE PERMIT HAVE CONTINUED UNABATED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE SAID.

HE SAID THAT MOST OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS EXPRESSED THE WISH TO STAY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC FOR A FEW WEEKS MORE AND TO AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

THEY ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH SUBSISTENCE MONEY AND SLEEPING QUARTERS ARE BEING FOUND FOR THEM.

THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE CITED THE CASE OF A LOCAL MUNICH BRANCH OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE FREE ACCOMMODATION FOR 25 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE SAID THAT THERE WERE SUFFICIENT VACANT JOBS FOR THOSE WHO WERE SEEKING WORK. THEIR CASES ARE BEING DEALT WITH ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

SIMILAR ACTIONS ARE REPORTED FROM OTHER WEST GERMAN CITIES. MORE THAN 300 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED IN STUTTGART IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. SOME 35 TOURISTS ARE BEING ACCOMMODATED TEMPORARILY IN A WORKERS' WELFARE HOME IN STUTTGART.

APPEALS ARE BEING MADE FOR MONEY TO HELP MAINTAIN TOURISTS IN EMERGENCY.

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