

X/13 - CURT - FREE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION

VIENNA, AUG 30 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- "FREE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION - STUDIO MORAVSKA OSTRAVA" CAME ON THE AIR ON THURSDAY AT 1200 HOURS WITH 20 MINUTES OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND FOREIGN NEWS AS WELL AS WITH MESSAGES FOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES AND MINES IN THE MORAVSKA OSTRAVA DISTRICT.

MORAVSKA OSTRAVA TELEVISION - STILL USING THE SIGN AND IDENTIFICATION OF "FREE" CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION - RE-APPEARED ON THE SCREEN AT 1700 HOURS WITH A SHORT NEWS SERVICE AND THE 40 MINUTES FILM "GOLDEN TREASURE" - A REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF GOLD FOR THE "FUND OF THE REPUBLIC" - AN ACTION INITIATED FEW WEEKS AGO AND INTERRUPTED BY THE OCCUPATION. THE FILM HAS BEEN MADE BEFORE THE MILITARY INVASION AND ITS FIRST SHOWING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22ND, THE ANNOUNCER SAID.

BROADCASTING ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION CHANNEL WAS RE-OPENED AGAIN AT 1900 HOURS BY "STUDIO BRNO" BUT THE ANNOUNCER EMPHASIZED THAT HE IS NOT USING THE IDENTIFICATION "FREE" BECAUSE HE "DOES NOT FEEL FREE ANYMORE".

THE ANNOUNCER READ A SHORT PRESS REVIEW AND INTRODUCING THE THURSDAY MORNING LEAFLET TYPE EDITIONS OF BRNO "SVORNOST" AND "MLADA FRONTA", HE POINTED OUT THAT LARGE PARTS HAVE BEEN CENSORED OUT FROM BOTH DAILIES.

IN "MLADA FRONTA" A CENSORED ARTICLE WAS REPLACED BY A QUOTATION FROM KARL MARX ON CENSORSHIP.

IN "SVORNOST" A COLUMN OF PICTURES FROM THE FUNERAL OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS KILLED BY SOVIET TROOPS HAD TO BE REMOVED AND THE COLUMN WAS LEFT BLANK.

SHORTLY AFTER 1900 THE BRNO STATION FADED OUT AND AGAIN MORAVSKA OSTRAVA TOOK OVER SHOWING THE CZECH HISTORICAL FILM "JAN ZIZKA".

BEFORE SIGNING OFF AT 2210, "FREE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION - STUDIO MORAVSKA OSTRAVA" BROADCAST A SHORT NEWS SERVICE.

DEPLORING THE LACK OF NEWS, BECAUSE THE CTK SERVICE IN MORAVSKA OSTRAVA AS WELL AS THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS EDITORIAL OFFICES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE TELEVISION STATION WITH NEWS MATERIAL, THE ANNOUNCER STRESSED THAT "THIS WAS NOT THE FAULT OF THE CTK AND OTHER NEWSMEN".

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