

X/4 C/S -- OUR STATION NOT ILLEGAL, SLOVAK BROADCASTERS SAY

MUNICH, AUG 30 (CMD) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATION FREE DANUBE BROADCAST A COMMENTARY THIS MORNING IN WHICH IT DENIES THAT IT IS "ILLEGAL."

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMENTARY:

"PLEASE DO NOT RPT NOT THINK THAT WE WANT TO JUSTIFY OURSELVES IN THIS COMMENTARY, WE MERELY WANT TO PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT. THERE IS NOTHING FOR WHICH WE HAVE TO JUSTIFY OURSELVES, BUT IT IS OUR DUTY TO EXPLAIN SOME THINGS TO SOME PEOPLE OUTSIDE OUR FRONTIERS; OUR DUTY AS HUMAN BEINGS AS WELL AS JOURNALISTS. WHAT IS THE POINT AT ISSUE?

"IN SOME STATES WE -- WHO PREPARE THESE BROADCASTS -- ARE REGARDED AS ILLEGAL WORKERS AND THIS STATION, TO WHICH YOU ARE LISTENING, IS REGARDED AS AN ILLEGAL STATION. AND SO, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, WE HAVE BECOME ILLEGAL IN OUR OWN COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO, RELYING ON THEIR POWER, HAVE SEIZED NOT RPT NOT ONLY OUR PREMISES, BUT ALSO THE WAVELENGTH ASSIGNED TO US BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE LEGAL BROADCASTING SERVICE.

"THERE IS MORE WE CAN SAY TO SHOW HOW PARADOXICAL AND ILLOGICAL THIS ALLEGATION IS, FOR INSTANCE: WE ARE DULY APPOINTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO AND THIS FACT IS NOTED IN OUR IDENTITY CARDS. NO ONE HAS DISMISSED US, WE ARE EVEN PAID BY THE STATE, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS STATE COME TO OUR STUDIOS -- ALTHOUGH THESE ARE IMPROVIZED -- TO MAKE STATEMENTS AND DELIVER SPEECHES.

"IN SPITE OF ALL THIS, WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AN ILLEGAL STATION -- AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THE DOUBTFUL LOGIC OF SOME PEOPLE.

"IT IS A PITY THAT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT IN OUR OWN PREMISES WHERE WE HAVE ALL THE THINGS WE NEED FOR OUR WORK. FOR INSTANCE IF I WERE THERE, I WOULD LOOK UP THE EXPRESSION PIRATE RADIO STATION IN THE ENCYCLOPEDIA. I HAVE NOT RPT NOT GOT ONE HERE AND THEREFORE I MUST USE COMMON SENSE AND MY OWN DEFINITION.