

X/13 CS - KLAUS REJECTS VIOLENCE

VIENNA, AUG 30 (CNR/RFE SPECIAL-KOSTRBA) - AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR JOSEF KLAUS SAID TODAY THAT AUSTRIA REJECTED VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

KLAUS DEFINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON THE OCCUPATION IN AN ADDRESS TO THE NATION BROADCAST BY THE AUSTRIAN RADIO AT NOON.

AFTER HAVING STRESSED AUSTRIAN ALLEGIANCE TO THE COUNTRY'S NEUTRALITY, KLAUS SAID THAT NEUTRALITY IS BINDING FOR OFFICIAL AUSTRIAN POLITICS BUT NOT FOR THE CONVICTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN.

"WE HAVE LEFT NO DOUBTS ABOUT OUR REJECTION OF VIOLENCE," KLAUS SAID.

CONCLUDING, KLAUS EMPHASIZED AUSTRIAN HELP TO ALL CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS AND REFUGEES.

"WHO APPLIES FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM WILL BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM," KLAUS SAID.

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