

X/13 CS - VESELY: MANY OF US HAVE COME OUT

MUNICH, AUGUST 30 (GND/MACDONALD)- LUDVIK VESELY, DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS UNION JOURNAL LITERARNY LISTY, APPEARED ON WEST GERMAN TELEVISION TONIGHT AND SAID "MANY OF US HAVE COME TO AUSTRIA AND WEST GERMANY."

VESELY, WHO LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA THURSDAY NOON, WAS INTERVIEWED ON THE WEST GERMAN TELEVISION PROGRAMME "MONITOR".

(VESELY ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE QUESTION OF OTHERS PLANNING TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK HAD HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE PRAGUE CASTLE AT WHICH CERNIK SAID: "WE ASK THE HONEST JOURNALISTS AND WRITERS TO REMAIN HERE AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US. BUT IF THESE PEOPLE ARE THREATENED IN THEIR PHYSICAL EXISTENCE, THEN NO-ONE CAN BLAME THEM IF THEY HAVE GONE OVER THE BORDER AND REMAIN OUTSIDE, NOT RPT NOT FOR EVER BUT AT LEAST FOR A TIME."

VESELY, SPEAKING IN FLUENT GERMAN, SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD DISCUSSED LEAVING CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT RPT NOT SAID WHEN THEY WOULD LEAVE OR IF THEY WOULD DEFINITELY GO.

HE SAID HE WAS NOT RPT NOT A REFUGEE AND HAD COME OUT WITH A NORMAL VISA.

"I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CSSR," VESELY SAID. "WHEN CONDITIONS CHANGE..THEN NATURALLY I SHALL RETURN WITH ALL MY FRIENDS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THAT IS MY HOMELAND."

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