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CS - SHORTER ITEMS

U.S.-SOVIET CULTURAL EXCHANGES MAY BE CANCELLED

WASHINGTON, AUG.30, REUTER - THE STATE DEPARTMENT INDICATED TODAY THAT SOME OR ALL U.S.-SOVIET CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES MIGHT BE CANCELLED THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID THE PROGRAMMES UNDER THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, RENEWED LAST MONTH, WERE UNDER REVIEW.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT HIS DAILY PRESS BRIEFING, HE SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY REVIEW OF TRADE OR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE WARSAW PACT POWERS WHICH ALSO SENT TROOPS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE U.S. HAS NO CULTURAL AGREEMENTS WITH THESE COUNTRIES--POLAND, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY AND BULGARIA.

PRAGUE - BELGRADE TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS RESUME

BELGRADE, AUG.30, REUTER - TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH PRAGUE WERE REOPENED TO PRIVATE CALLERS TODAY.

ONLY ONE LINE WAS WORKING BUT CALLS WERE TAKING ONLY ABOUT 30 MINUTES TO GET THROUGH.

OSLO SCIENTIST PROTEST

OSLO, AUG 30, REUTER - A TOTAL OF 430 SCIENTISTS AT OSLO UNIVERSITY SAID TODAY THEY HAD BROKEN OFF ALL PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS WITH COLLEAGUES IN THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, HUNGARY, BULGARIA AND EAST GERMANY BECAUSE OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THEY ALSO SENT A LETTER TO CZECHOSLOVAK COLLEAGUES EXPRESSING ADMIRATION FOR THEIR "FIGHT FOR FREEDOM."

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