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BERLIN, AUG 31 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- AS ON PREVIOUS DAYS, POLISH TELEVISION LAST NIGHT REFRAINED FROM PRESENTING ITS OWN COMMENT ON THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN ITS NEWS COVERAGE, POLISH TV UNDERScoreD THE EFFORTS OF THE AUTHORITIES TO NORMALIZE LIFE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS NORMALIZATION WAS MAKING PROGRESS EVERYWHERE, BUT THE "PROVOCATEURS" WERE STILL ACTIVE, THE NEWS REPORTS SAID.

CONTRARY TO THE PRESS AND RADIO IN POLAND, POLISH TELEVISION SO FAR HAS NOT RPT NOT CRITICIZED THE RUMANIAN ATTITUDE ON THE WARSAW PACT MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ON THE PAST TWO EVENING, POLISH TV HAS BEEN REPORTING HEAVILY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POLISH OCCUPATION TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PRESENTING FILMS ON THIS TOPIC IN BOTH THE EARLY AND THE LATE EVENING NEWS SHOWS.

WHILE AT FIRST THE SOLDIERS WERE SHOWN ONLY IN THEIR FIELD CAMPS, DOING MAINTENANCE WORK ON THEIR EQUIPMENT, READING MAIL AND ATTENDING POLITICAL INSTRUCTION PERIODS, THE FILM REPORTS NOW INCLUDE SCENES SHOWING THEM AS THEY PERFORM THEIR DUTY AS OCCUPATION TROOPS. THEY COULD BE SEEN CHECKING CZECHOSLOVAK VEHICLES ON THE ROAD AND INSPECTING SOME LARGE WAREHOUSE WHICH A LOCAL RESIDENT WAS ORDERED TO PEN FOR THEM.

THE ANTI-OCCUPATION SLOGANS PAINTED ON THE WALLS OF BUILDINGS ARE NOT RPT NOT WITHHELD FROM THE POLISH AUDIENCE BY THEIR TELEVISION STATIONS.

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