

X/4 C/S - NO REASON FOR RETURNING CZECHOSLOVAKS TO FEAR REPRISALS

MUNICH, AUGUST 31 (CMD)- RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA SAID TODAY THAT MANY OF THE THOUSANDS OF CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS NOW IN VIENNA INCORRECTLY BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD FACE REPRISALS IF THEY RETURNED HOME.

THE RADIO SAID IN ITS NOON BROADCAST THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE IN VIENNA ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM VACATIONS IN THE SOUTH, AND MORE WERE ARRIVING DAILY.

IT QUOTED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AS SAYING THE TOURISTS HAD NO REASON FEAR RETURNING TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE MINISTERS AUTHORISED THE RADIO TO SAY THAT THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS HAD ALREADY RETURNED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THE OTHERS WERE AWAITED BY THEIR FAMILIES AND AT THEIR PLACES OF WORK "WHERE THEY ARE BADLY NEEDED."

(RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA, M, 1200, AUGUST 31, 68)

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