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VIENNA, AUG 31 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- ALL IS QUIET ON THE AUSTRO-CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY.

ALL CZECHOSLOVAK ROAD BORDER CROSSING POINTS ARE OPEN FOR UNRESTRICTED TRAFFIC TO AUSTRIA.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS, CITIZENS OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, AND WESTERN TRAVELERS WITH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS ARE ADMITTED FREELY INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

OTHER WESTERN TRAVELERS ARE ADMITTED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONLY IF IN POSSESSION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, PROVING THE NECESSITY OF THEIR TRIP.

WESTERN JOURNALISTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE AUSTRIAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION, RAILWAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NORMAL IN BOTH DIRECTIONS EXCEPT VIA THE RAILWAY CROSSING POINT SUMMERAU, WHERE WESTERN TRAVELLERS ARE ADMITTED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONLY IN CASES OF EMERGENCY.

RAILWAY FREIGHT TRANSPORT IS BACK TO NORMAL AND HARD COAL AND COKE TRANSPORTS - INTERRUPTED BY THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA - ARE REACHING AUSTRIA ACCORDING TO CONTRACT.

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