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C/S -- STREAMLINING OF PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION TO CANADA

OTTAWA, SEPT 1 (UPI)-- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MITCHELL SHARP YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED AN URGENT STREAMLINING OF PROCEDURES INVOLVED APPLICATIONS BY CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS FOR ADMISSION TO CANADA.

"OUR EMBASSY IN PRAGUE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED ON AN URGENT BASIS TO STREAMLINE THE HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FROM CZECHS WHO ARE ABLE TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA," SHARP SAID.

A SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER HAS BEEN DISPATCHED FROM GENEVA TO BELGRADE TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FROM CZECHS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION, HE SAID.

REINFORCEMENT OF STAFF AT THEIR CANADIAN MISSIONS ALSO HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR.

SHARP SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN "RELATIVELY SMALL" SO FAR.

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