

X/13 CS -- SOVIET TROOPS AT ALL BORDER-CROSSINGS

MUNICH, SEPT 1 (GND/MACDONALS) -- SOVIET SOLDIERS ARE NOW STATIONED AT ALL THREE BORDER CROSSING-POINTS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WEST GERMANY, THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE CONTROLLING OF TRAVELLERS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS IS STILL BEING CARRIED OUT BY CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER POLICE.

UNTIL NOW SOVIET TROOPS HAVE BEEN STATIONED ONLY AT WAIDHAUS AND SCHIRNDING.

THE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SOVIET SOLDIERS APPEARED AT FURTH-IM-WALD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BUT DROVE OFF AGAIN LAST NIGHT. THEY RETURNED TO THE BORDER CROSSING-POINT THIS MORNING.

THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE BAN ON WESTERN TOURISTS AND JOURNALISTS ENTERING THE COUNTRY. THE NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WHO RETURNED HOME ACROSS THE WEST GERMAN BORDER INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY SATURDAY.

THE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE "VERY FEW ASYLUM-SEEKING REFUGEES" AMONG THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO CROSSED INTO WEST GERMANY.

NOR, HE SAID, WAS ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF WRITERS OR JOURNALISTS NOTED. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, AMONG THOSE TRAVELLING OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THERE WERE RELATIVELY FEW WORKERS BUT QUITE A LOT OF OFFICE EMPLOYEES, ENGINEERS AND SCHOOL-TEACHERS.

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