

POLES ORGANIZE PROTEST RALLY

LONDON SEPTEMBER 2--(RFE SPECIAL/RACIESKI)--AT A BIG RALLY ORGANIZED BY THE FEDERATION OF POLES IN MANCHESTER, EXILES FROM THE COUNTRIES ENSLAVED BY THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY PROTESTED AGAINST THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE ENFORCED PARTICIPATION IN IT OF POLISH AND HUNGARIAN TROOPS.

AFTER A MEETING HELD IN THE HALL OF THE POLISH EX-COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION, WHERE POLISH, CZECHOSLOVAK AND HUNGARIAN SPEAKERS ADDRESSED THE GATHERING, MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE MARCHED THROUGH THE MAIN STREETS OF MANCHESTER TO THE WAR MEMORIAL WHERE A WREATH TO THE VICTIMS OF SOVIET BRUTALITY WAS PLACED.

CS SPAS SEEKING TOURISTS AGAIN

FRANKFURT, SEPT 2 (KUPI)--THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE SPA ORGANIZATION BALNEA TODAY INFORMED THE SEMI-OFFICIAL WEST GERMAN TRAVEL AGENCY DER THAT IT COULD RESUME SENDING TOURISTS TO CZECHOSLOVAK SPAS IMMEDIATELY.

A TELEGRAM FROM BALNEA PLEDGED CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL RESUME ISSUING ENTRY VISAS FOR SPA-BOUND WESTERNERS ON A PRIORITY BASIS, A DER SPOKESMAN SAID.

WESTERNERS HEADING FOR SUCH WORLD-FAMOUS SPAS AS KARLOVY VARY AND MARIANSKI LAZNE HAVE ONLY BEEN PERMITTED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IF THEY HAD VISAS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE SOVIET INVASION.

WESTERNERS ALREADY AT THE SPAS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO STAY ON.

CS POP SINGER SAYS HE GOING HOME

MUNICH, SEPT. 2 (CMD)- RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN A GERMAN-LANGUAGE BROADCAST, HAS SAID THAT CZECHOSLOVAK POP SINGER KAREL GOTT IS PLANNING TO RETURN HOME FROM WEST BERLIN.

THE TEXT OF THE BROADCAST, WHICH WAS MADE LAST NIGHT:

"THE WELL-KNOWN CZECHOSLOVAK POP SINGER KAREL GOTT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE PROPOSED TO RETURN TO PRAGUE FROM WEST BERLIN AFTER COMPLETING HIS TOUR OF WEST GERMANY. HE WAS DENYING RUMORS THAT HE WAS LEAVING HIS COUNTRY."

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN GERMAN/F, SEPT 1, 2000)

CZECHS UNABLE TO PLAY IN TABLE TENNIS MATCH

CARDIFF, WALES, SEPTEMBER 2--(RFE SPECIAL/REUTER)--PRAGUE TABLE TENNIS TEAM WILL BE UNABLE TO PLAY IN THE SECOND LEG OF THE EUROPEAN CLUB CUP FINAL AT SOLVESBORG, SWEDEN, MR. VACLAV VEBR, SECRETARY OF THE CZECH ASSOCIATION TOLD A EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS UNION OFFICIAL IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRAGUE AND CARDIFF.

MR VEBR SPOKE TO MRS ROY EVANS, SECRETARY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION WHO SAID IT WAS THE FIRST NEWS OF CZECHOSLOVAK TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS TO COME OUT OF PRAGUE.

THE CALL TO CARDIFF WAS THE ONLY ONE MR VEBR HAD BEEN ALLOWED AND HE ASKED MRS. EVANS TO PASS ON TO ALL FRIENDS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION HIS ASSURANCE OF THEIR CONTINUED ACTIVITY."

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