

## NO CHANGE IN SIZE OF NORDIC BRNO FAIR ENTRIES

STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 2 (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- DESPITE THE RECENT UNSETTLING EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SCANDINAVIA WILL STILL HAVE A SLIGHTLY LARGER PRESENCE AT THE BRNO INDUSTRIAL FAIR THIS MONTH THAN ONE YEAR AGO.

THE OPENING OF THE FAIR HAS BEEN POSTPONED BY ONE WEEK UNTIL SEPT. 14, AND THIS HAS GIVEN SEVERAL DOUBTFUL NORDIC BUSINESS FIRMS "A CHANCE TO GET OVER THEIR UNCERTAINTY," AS A DANISH EXPORT INDUSTRY OFFICIAL SAID.

THE DANES AND SWEDES, WITH SOME 38 FIRMS EACH, HAVE BY FAR THE LARGEST SCANDINAVIAN ENTRIES AT BRNO THIS YEAR. SPOKESMEN FOR THE EXPORT COUNCILS OF BOTH COUNTRIES SAID THE INVASION AND CONTINUED UNSETTLED SITUATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS HAD NO EFFECT ON BRNO TRAVEL PLANS. THE DANISH SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT "ONE OR TWO" DANISH FIRMS HAD THOUGHT OF PULLING OUT OF THIS YEAR'S FAIR BUT NOW ARE "BEGINNING TO CHANGE THEIR MIND AND PROBABLY WILL EXHIBIT AS PLANNED."

NORWAY IS TO SEND ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR THIS YEAR, AND FINLAND WILL HAVE 14 COMPANIES AT BRNO. IN ALL THERE WILL BE ABOUT FIVE MORE SCANDINAVIAN COMPANIES AT BRNO THIS YEAR THAN LAST, EXPORT COUNCIL SPOKESMEN DISCLOSED, WITH SWEDEN AND FINLAND EXPANDING, DENMARK MAINTAINING AND NORWAY SLIGHTLY REDUCING THE 1967 BRNO PARTICIPATION LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS.

## CSSR YOUTHS TO DEPART SWEDEN TOMORROW

STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 2 (RFE SPECIAL/THRANE) -- ABOUT 100 CZECHOSLOVAK CHILDREN, ON HOLIDAY WHEN THEIR COUNTRY WAS INVADDED, WILL START RETURN JOURNEYS FROM HERE TOMORROW.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK TRAVEL AGENCY CEDOK SAID TODAY THAT ALL OTHER CZECHOSLOVAKS IN SWEDEN WHEN THE INVASION OCCURRED HAVE ALL DEPARTED FOR HOME, UNLESS THEY DID NOT WISH TO GO BACK. THE CHILDREN WILL BE THE LAST TO LEAVE. MOST CAME IN GROUPS AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR LEADERS.

THEY WILL GO IN THREE BUSES THROUGH DENMARK AND WEST GERMANY. THE TRIP IS TO TAKE THREE DAYS AND HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE SWEDISH RED CROSS. RED CROSS PERSONNEL WILL ACCOMPANY THE YOUNGSTERS TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER.

THE CEDOK SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS REMAINS IN SWEDEN, HAVING APPLIED FOR VISA EXTENSIONS AND WORK PERMITS. THE NUMBER IS NOT PINPOINTED AS YET, BECAUSE THESE APPLICATIONS HAVE OCCURRED ALL OVER SWEDEN AT LOCAL POLICE STATIONS.

THE CEDOK SPOKESMAN SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO STAYED IN SWEDEN DID NOT, AS A RULE, WISH TO APPLY FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM YET, PREFERRING TO WAIT AND SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOP BACK HOME BEFORE TAKING THAT STEP. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY ALIENSPOLICE AUTHORITIES, WHO SAID MOST REQUESTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKS SINCE THE INVASION HAVE BEEN FOR VISA EXTENSIONS AND NOT FOR ASYLUM.

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