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VIENNA, SEPT 2 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- ALL IS QUIET ON THE AUSTRO-CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER AND RESTRICTED TRAFFIC CONTINUES NORMALLY, THE AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER AUTHORITIES CONCERN IN-GOING TRAFFIC OF WESTERN TRAVELLERS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS OF ROAD AND RAILWAY TRAFFIC FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO AUSTRIA.

3,959 CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA LEGALLY FOR AUSTRIA DURING THE WEEKEND AND 18,360 TRAVELLERS WITH CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL PASSPORTS CROSSED THE AUSTRO-CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA 714 REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE HAVE APPLIED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN AUSTRIA, INCLUDING 565 CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS.

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