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STOCKHOLM, SEPT 4 -- (RFE SPECIAL/HENRY) -- THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC UNION OF SWEDEN LAST NIGHT RENEWED ITS AUG. 22ND RECOMMENDATION TO ALL SWEDISH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS TO CANCEL ALL "DIRECT" SPORTS EVENTS WITH THE FIVE COUNTRIES WHICH INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE UNION SAID THIS RENEWAL WAS GOOD "UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE" AND SAID A NEW MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT THE END OF NOVEMBER WHEN THE TOPIC WOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN.

BY "DIRECT" SPORTS EVENTS, THE ATHLETIC UNION SAID IT MEANT "COMPETITIONS IN WHICH ONLY SWEDISH AND INVADER COUNTRY ATHLETES PARTICIPATE."

THE ATHLETIC UNION RULED THAT THE ICE HOCKEY, TRACK AND FIELD AND OTHER OF ITS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD "WAIT AND SEE" WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AT WHICH NATIONS IN ADDITION TO SWEDEN AND INVADER COUNTRIES ARE TO BE REPRESENTED.

IN THE CASE OF EUROPEAN, WORLD AND OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE SWEDISH ATHLETIC UNION SAID THE SWEDISH TEAMS SHOULD "ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS MADE BY THOSE EVENTS ORGANIZERS OR COMMITTEES."

IF THERE IS NO SUCH COVERING DECISION, SWEDENS ENTRIES SHOULD FULFIL ALL OBLIGATIONS THEY HAD MADE PRIOR TO THE INVASION, THE ATHLETIC UNION SAID. AS FOR FUTURE CASES, THE LATE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE ATHLETIC UNION WOULD COME UP WITH NEW GUIDANCE.

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