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CS - CZECHOSLOVAK, SOVIET PHILOSOPHERS CANCEL DISCUSSION

VIENNA, SEPT. 4 (CNR/RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA)- A DISCUSSION BY CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET PHILOSOPHERS ON THE PROBLEMS OF IDEOLOGY, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED AS PART OF THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY, HAS BEEN CANCELLED, THE CONGRESS SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE SECRETARIAT SAID THE DISCUSSION HAD BEEN CANCELLED "BECAUSE OF TENSION CAUSED BY THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH HAD MADE ITSELF FELT EVEN AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CONGRESS ON MONDAY."

THE SECRETARIAT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE NUMBER OF EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONGRESS REMAINED BELOW THE NUMBER WHICH HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATIONS.

THE SECRETARIAT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FRENCH PHILOSOPHER JEAN PAUL SARTRE AND BRITISH PHILOSOPHER BERTRAND RUSSELL WOULD NOT ATTEND THE CONGRESS.

IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER HUNGARIAN PHILOSOPHER GEORG LUKACS WOULD ATTEND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CONGRESS PLENARY SESSION THIS MORNING BEGAN ITS DISCUSSION OF "FREEDOM, RESPONSIBILITY AND DECISION" WHILE THREE COLLOQUIA AND 13 WORKING SECTIONS HAVE TAKEN UP THEIR SPECIALIZED SUBJECTS AS THERE ARE THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION, PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY, NATURAL PHILOSOPHY, AESTHETICS, THE PHILOSOPHY OF ART, PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE, CULTURE, HISTORY AND LAW.

OTHER MEETINGS ARE DEVOTED TO LOGIC AND CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHIC TEACHINGS OF KANT, HEGEL, ARISTOTLE, BRENTANO, THOMAS AQUINAS AND THEIR MEANING, FOR PROBLEMS OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.

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