

DIRKSEN REVEALS ASSASSINATION PLOTS

WASHINGTON, SEPT 5, REUTER -- THE SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER, MR. EVERETT DIRKSEN, SAID TODAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AT LEAST TWO PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE HIM IN THE PAST SIX WEEKS.

THE 72-YEAR-OLD ILLINOIS SENATOR TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE MOST RECENT ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE WAS TO HAVE OCCURRED ON AUGUST 26 IN HIS SENATE OFFICE.

HE SAID THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (F.B.I.) WARNED HIM OF THE PLOT AND HE WAS GIVEN A SECURITY GUARD WHILE HE CAMPAIGNED FOR RE-ELECTION IN ILLINOIS LAST WEEK OUT.

THE PREVIOUS PLOT WAS AT THE END OF JULY, HE SAID.

HE HAD BEEN GIVEN POLICE PROTECTION AT HIS HOME. MR. DIRKSEN DECLINED TO GIVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

CS ENVOY THANKS YUGOSLAVIA FOR HELP

BELGRADE, SEPT 5 (CMD) -- CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA, DR. L. SIMOVIC, HAS THANKED THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THEIR "ENORMOUS AND NOBLE" ASSISTANCE TO CZECHOSLOVAKS HELD UP ON THEIR WAY HOME.

TANJUG SAID TONIGHT THAT ABOUT 50,000 CZECHOSLOVAK TOURISTS WERE ON VACATION IN YUGOSLAVIA AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

THE NEWS AGENCY WENT ON TO SAY THAT "YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS HAD GIVEN COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE TO THEIR CZECHOSLOVAK GUESTS."

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SOVIET VISIT CANCELLED

WASHINGTON, SEPT 5, REUTER -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY CANCELLED PLANS FOR A U.S. UNIVERSITY BAND TO TOUR THE SOVIET UNION THIS MONTH. THE REASON GIVEN WAS THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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