

JAPAN-SOVIET BUSINESS CONFERENCE POSTPONED

TOKYO, SEPT 6, REUTER --

JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE THIRD JAPAN-SOVIET BUSINESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD HERE IN MID-OCTOBER, THE JAPAN FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS (KEIDANREN) SAID TODAY.

THE STEP WAS TAKEN BECAUSE OF THE "DELICATE SITUATION" ARISING OUT OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE FEDERATION SAID.

BUT KEIDANREN ADDED THAT ANOTHER REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT WAS THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE NEEDED MORE TIME TO PREPARE ITS POSITION CONCERNING THE HUGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COVERING PULP, OIL, COAL, COPPER AND NATURAL GAS RESOURCES.

SWISS DEFER ACTION ON OLYMPIC BAN

GENEVA, SEPT. 6 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY)-- THE SWISS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DECIDED IN LAUSANNE YESTERDAY TO DEFER A DECISION ON DEMANDS THAT IT CALL FOR AN OLYMPIC BAN AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WHICH INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BOTH THE SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION AND THE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION, THE MOST POWERFUL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, HAD ASKED THAT SWITZERLAND CALL FOR BAN ON THESE COUNTRIES AT THE OLYMPICS.

RAYMOND GAFNER, PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS COMMITTEE, SAID THAT IT FIRST WANTED TO TALK THE SITUATION OVER AT THE PARIS MEETING OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES BEFORE TAKING A DECISION.

FOLLOWING THE PARIS MEETING, THE SWISS COMMITTEE WILL TAKE A STAND ON THE REQUEST SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

NEW SWISS RED CROSS SHIPMENT TO CS

GENEVA, SEPT. 6 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY)-- THE SWISS RED CROSS ANNOUNCED IN BERN LAST NIGHT THAT A THIRD SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IT SAID THAT THE SUPPLIES ARE ALREADY IN AUSTRIA.

ALTOGETHER SWITZERLAND HAS GIVEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA 20,000 FRANCS WORTH OF MEDICAL AID THUS FAR.

MEANWHILE ABOUT 300 CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES ARE BEING PROCESSED DAILY AT SWISS THE "WELCOME CAMPS" AT BUCHS AND S. MARGRETHEN NEAR THE AUSTRIAN BORDER. AUTHORITIES SAID THAT THE OVERWORKED MEDICAL CORPS UNITS THERE WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED NEXT WEEK, SINCE THE HEAVY WORK LOAD IS PROVING EXHAUSTING.

RED CROSS OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT TWO MORE CAMPS MIGHT HAVE TO BE OPENED NEARBY. MOST REFUGEES STAY FOR A DAY OR TWO AT THE CAMPS BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO SWISS COMMUNITIES.

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