

MORNING STAR LETTERS 6-3 AGAINST INVASION

LONDON, SEP 6 (RFE SPECIAL/WELLS)--THE BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER MORNING STAR TODAY PUBLISHED ANOTHER GROUP OF LETTERS FROM READERS ON THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- SIX OF THEM OPPOSING IT AND THREE SUPPORTING OR JUSTIFYING IT.

SHORTLY AFTER THE INVASION, WHICH THE BRITISH PARTY CONDEMNED, THE STAR CAREFULLY BALANCED LETTERS BY PRINTING THE SAME NUMBER FROM EACH SIDE, BUT THIS BALANCE WAS NOT RPT NOT MAINTAINED TODAY.

HELMUT SCHMIDT TO THE UNITED STATES

BONN, SEPT 6 (RFE SPECIAL/MARSH) -- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, HELMUT SCHMIDT, WILL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN EUROPE FOLLOWING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SCHMIDT WILL MEET WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, DEFENSE SECRETARY CLARK CLIFFORD AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BETWEEN SEPT. 8 AND SEPT. 15.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPD SAID TODAY THAT THE CHIEF PURPOSE OF SCHMIDT'S TRIP WAS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN EUROPE AND THE POSITION OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE FOLLOWING THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SCHMIDT WILL ALSO VISIT NEW YORK FOR TALKS WITH UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS AND WITH LEADING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

JONAS TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE, SEPT 6, REUTER -- PRESIDENT FRANZ JONAS OF AUSTRIA WILL PAY A STATE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 5 AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT TITO, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

PRESIDENT TITO VISITED AUSTRIA LAST YEAR.

IRAQ PARDONS POLITICAL PRISONERS

BEIRUT, SEPT 6, REUTER -- ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAQ HAVE BEEN PARDONED UNDER A DECISION TAKEN BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, BAGHDAD RADIO REPORTED TODAY.

THE DECISION, MADE LAST NIGHT, SAID THAT THE COUNCIL DESIRING TO "LIQUIDATE THE TRACES OF THE PAST AND CONSOLIDATE THE NATIONAL UNITY" HAD GRANTED THE AMNESTY.

THE RADIO DID NOT MENTION THE NUMBER AFFECTED BY THE DECISION.

MENZIES TO BE RELEASED SOON

LONDON, SEPT. 6, REUTER -- FORMER AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER SIR ROBERT MENZIES, ADMITTED TO THE EXCLUSIVE LONDON CLINIC YESTERDAY AFTER A SUDDEN ILLNESS IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, THE CLINIC SAID TODAY.

SIR ROBERT, 73, WAS TAKEN TO THE CLINIC AFTER FEELING ILL WHILE LUNCHING WITH HIS DAUGHTER.

A LONDON CLINIC SPOKESMAN SAID: "HE HAS HAD A COMFORTABLE NIGHT AND DOCTORS ARE SATISFIED WITH HIS CONDITION."

THE CLINIC HAS REFUSED TO SPECIFY THE FORMER PRIME MINISTERS ILLNESS, BUT HAS DENIED AN AUSTRALIA HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT THAT SIR ROBERT SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK.

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