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CS - HAJEK RETURNING TO PRAGUE TONIGHT

VIENNA, SEPT 6 (UPI)- CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK IS FLYING HERE FROM GENEVA AND WILL PROCEED ON TO PRAGUE TONIGHT BY CAR, THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION ANNOUNCED.

THE LEGATION CALLED NEWS AGENCIES TODAY TO SAY HAJEK WAS FLYING FROM THE SWISS CITY ON AN AUSTRIAN AIRLINES PLANE, AND WOULD GO ON INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER LANDING. VIENNA'S MAIN AIRPORT, AT SCHWECHAT, IS ABOUT 20 DRIVING MINUTES FROM THE BORDER.

HAJEK WAS ON VACATION IN YUGOSLAVIA WHEN THE RUSSIANS INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON AUG. 20. LATER HE FLEW TO NEW YORK TO MAKE A SPEECH BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL DENOUNCING THE SOVIET ACTION.

SINCE THEN, HE HAS BEEN ATTACKED VICIOUSLY BY SOVIET OFFICIAL ORGANS, AND UNTIL LATE THURSDAY, IT WAS ASSUMED HE WOULD REMAIN ABROAD.

BUT THURSDAY NIGHT, THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN BERNE, SWITZERLAND, ANNOUNCED HAJEK WAS TO RETURN TO PRAGUE.

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