

X-13/ CS --- MORE THAN MILLION FRENCH BACK SUPPORT FOR CS

PARIS SEPT. 7 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- NEARLY ONE MILLION AND A HALF SIGNATURES FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE "COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE", ITS DEPUTY PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT.

THE COMMITTEE, CREATED LAST MONTH IN PARIS TO HELP CZECHOSLOVAKS IN FRANCE, OPENED A CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT SIGNATURES OF FRENCHMEN DISAPPROVING THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO LAUNCHED A MONEY COLLECTION, CALLED "A SYMBOLIC FRANC FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA". THE FUNDS, SAID THE COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN JACQUES TROTTE, ARE TO BE EMPLOYED TO HELP THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO HAVE DECIDED TO REMAIN IN FRANCE FOR THE TIME BEING. HE DID NOT REVEAL THE SUM ALREADY COLLECTED.

A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS HAS BEEN OPENED IN FRANCE AND SOME 80 STUDENTS ARE ALREADY INSCRIBED, TROTTE SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS GIVING CZECHOSLOVAK STUDENTS REMAINING IN FRANCE A MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP OF SOME 80 DOLLARS.

TROTTE SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO ORGANIZE SEVERAL ARTISTIC GALA EVENING FOR THE BENEFIT OF CZECHOSLOVAKS IN FRANCE. FOR THE TIME BEING, FOUR NOCTURNAL ENTERTAINMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROGRAMMED. THEIR DATES REMAIN TO BE SET.

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