

CS - RUDE PRAVO REPORTS ON BORDERS

PRAGUE, SEPT. 7, REUTER--CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICERS AND MEN ARE STILL MANNING THE COUNTRY'S BORDER WITH WEST GERMANY, DESPITE DAILY "OFFERS OF HELP" BY THE WARSAW PACT OCCUPATION TROOPS, THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO SAID TODAY.

"OFFICERS OF THE (OCCUPATION) TROOPS DAILY OFFER THEIR HELP IN PROTECTING THE BORDER. BUT THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS AS WE CAN PROTECT THE WEST GERMAN BORDER OURSELVES," THE NEWSPAPER QUOTED A FRONTIER GUARD AS SAYING.

IT ALSO QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT AN AMERICAN AND A WEST GERMAN JOURNALIST HAD BEEN TURNED BACK AFTER THEY TRIED TO CROSS THE BORDER ILLEGALLY, HAVING NO CORRECT PAPERS. THE NEWSPAPER DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM NOR DID IT SAY WHEN THE INCIDENT HAPPENED.

RUDE PRAVO TODAY ALSO REPORTED THAT TOP EAST GERMAN MILITARY OFFICIALS HAD VISITED UNITS OF THE EAST GERMAN PEOPLE'S ARMY STATIONED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA EARLY THIS WEEK.

THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY EAST GERMAN DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER GENERAL HEINZ KESSLER, ANOTHER DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER VALDEMAR VERNER AND INCLUDED SEVERAL OTHER TOP OFFICIALS, THE NEWS PAPER SAID.

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