

X/4/13 CS - SHORTER ITEMS

FORMER SLOVAK PARTY LEADER ON VACATION

MUNICH, SEPT 8 (CMD)- THE FORMER SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, VASIL BILAK, IS VACATIONING AT PRESENT IN THE HIGH TATRA IN SLOVAKIA.

ACCORDING TO THE SLOVAK YOUTH UNION DAILY, SMENA, VASIL BILAK AND HIS FAMILY ARE VACATIONING AT THE HAVORINA CASTLE.

THE PAPER WROTE THAT BILAK ARRIVED AT JAVORINA APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS AGO. "ALLEGEDLY HE IS STILL THERE," SMENA SAID.

"OTHER REPORTS WHICH ARE BEING SPREAD ABOUT HIS STAY, SMENA WRITES, ARE THUS NOT RPT NOT TRUE," RADIO BRATISLAVA SAID IN ITS REVIEW OF THE PRESS.

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CZECHOSLOVAK REFUGEES AND TOURISTS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, SEPT 8 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA)- SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, 1090 EAST EUROPEANS APPLIED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN AUSTRIA OF WHOM 868 WERE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS, THE AUSTRIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, 3316 CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONALS WERE REGISTERED IN AUSTRIAN RESCUE CAMPS AND ADDITIONAL 513 CZECHS AND SLOVAKS IN HOTELS AND PRIVATE QUARTERS.

THE NUMBER OF CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS HESITATING WHETHER OR NOT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY SHOWS A DECREASING TENDENCY IN AUSTRIA, THE MINISTRY SAID.

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