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COPENHAGEN, SEPT 9 -- (RFE SPECIAL/THOMSON) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, JAROSLAV SMID, IN A SIGNED LETTER TO DANISH NEWSPAPERS TODAY THANKED THE DANISH POPULATION FOR THE SYMPATHIES EXPRESSED TOWARD CZECHOSLOVAKIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INVASION ON AUG. 21. THE LETTER, PUBLISHED IN THE MAJOR COPENHAGEN NEWSPAPERS, SAID:

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR IN DENMARK, JAROSLAV SMID, USES THIS OCCASION TO THANK ALL KNOWN AND UN-KNOWN DANISH CITIZENS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED SYMPATHY TOWARD THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND WHO IN THE HOUR OF NEED HAVE DEVOTEDLY HELPED CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS IN DENMARK, THUS CONTRIBUTING TOWARD MAKING POSSIBLE THEIR RETURN TO THEIR FATHERLAND WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES."

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN SAID TODAY 24 COPIES OF THE LETTER HAD BEEN MAILED TO ALL LEADING DANISH NEWSPAPERS IN THE CAPITAL AND ALSO TO SOME OF THE LARGE PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS.

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