

COLLOQUIUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND MASS MEDIA

VIENNA, SEPT 9 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA)- A FOUR-DAY COLLOQUIUM ON "HUMAN RIGHTS AND MASS MEDIA ORGANIZED BY THE STRASSBURG COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OPENED IN SALZBURG MONDAY MORNING.

PROMINENT REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST EUROPEAN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS ARE DISCUSSING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MASS MEDIA AND THE STATE AS WELL AS THE IMPACT OF RADIO AND TELEVISION ON THE INDIVIDUAL.

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS, AUSTRIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE, PROF. DR. HANS KLECATSKY, STRESSED THE ROLE OF PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION AS "PILLARS OF DEMOCRACY."

KLECATSKY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS AND UNDERLINED THE ACTIVE PART CZECHOSLOVAK MASS MEDIA HAVE PLAYED DURING THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY.

CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY ENDS

VIENNA, SEPT 9 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- THE 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY, WHICH HAD OPENED IN VIENNA ON 2 SEPTEMBER, CAME TO A CLOSE MONDAY AFTERNOON.

SOME 3,000 PARTICIPANTS FROM 65 COUNTRIES DISCUSSED DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS NOT ONLY HIGHLY SPECIALIZED ASPECTS OF CLASSIC AND MODERN PHILOSOPHY BUT ALSO OF VITAL PROBLEMS OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICS.

THE MILITARY INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OVERSHADOWED THESE SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS, WHERE AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO DEFINE THE ATTITUDE OF PHILOSOPHY TOWARDS POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE FOLLOWED THE CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CZECHOSLOVAK PARTICIPANT.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS MADE ITSELF FELT ESPECIALLY IN ALL PLENARY SESSIONS DISCUSSING MARXIST PHILOSOPHY.

MANY PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONGRESS SIGNED A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR CZECHOSLOVAK COLLEAGUES "FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT - A BASIC PRE-CONDITION OF PHILOSOPHY."

SOVIETS EXPELL W. GERMAN STUDENT

MOSCOW, SEPT. 9, REUTER--A YOUNG WEST GERMAN STUDENT-TEACHER HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE SOVIET UNION AFTER TRYING TO SMUGGLE IN ANTI-SOVIET LITERATURE, ACCORDING TO A PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPER REACHING HERE TODAY.

THE NEWSPAPER, SOVIETSKAYA BYELORUSSIYA, NAMED THE MAN AS HANS-JOCHEN HANSEN AND SAID HE WAS A STUDENT AT THE HIGHER PEDAGOGICAL SCHOOL IN FLENSBURG.

IT SAID HE WAS CAUGHT WITH THE LITERATURE IN HIS LUGGAGE AT THE SOVIET BORDER POST AT BREST-LITOVSK, ON THE BORDER WITH POLAND, AS HE CAME IN WITH A GROUP OF WEST GERMAN YOUTHS. IT GAVE NO DATES.

ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, THE ANTI-SOVIET LITERATURE INCLUDED MILOVAN DJILASS BOOK, "THE NEW CLASSES," CUTTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ABOUT "EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND A COPY OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE RIGHT-WING NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

BEFORE HIS EXPULSION, SOVIETSKAYA BYELORUSSIYA ADDED, HANSEN SIGNED A "CONFESSION" IN WHICH HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD INTENDED TO GIVE THE YOUTH HE WAS ACCOMPANYING A "NEGATIVE IMPRESSION" OF THE SOVIET UNION.

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