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MUNICH, AUGUST 25 (CMD)- THE NUMBER OF "FREE" RADIO STATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS GROWING: LAST NIGHT 19 COULD BE MONITORED IN MUNICH, AND THERE WERE ALSO FOUR "FREE" TELEVISION CHANNELS.

A COMPLETE CHECK OF THE RADIOS IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE EACH APPEARS TO HAVE SEVERAL TRANSMITTERS, AND FREQUENTLY SWITCH TO OCONFUSE OCCUPATION RADIO-LOCATION UNITS. THE RADIOS FREQUENTLY ALSO CHANGE FREQUENCIES TO AVOID JAMMING.

NO RPT NO JAMMING WAS HEARD ON ANY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK FREE RADIOS LAST NIGHT.

AMONG THE LATEST STATIONS IS ONE BROADCASTING IN HUNGARIAN FOR THE PURPOSE, AS IT SAYS, OF BRINGING THE TRUTH TO THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY AND THE HUNGARIAN OCCUPATION FORCES.

WHILE THIS IS THE ONLY RADIO ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY FOR A MINORITY GROUP, SOME OF THE OTHERS BROADCAST PROGRAMS FOR MINORITIES: LAST NIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, FREE RADIO SLOVAKIA BROADCAST A RESOLUTION FROM THE UKRAINIAN MINORITY SUPPORTING DUBCEK'S PROGRAM.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER, RADIO BUDAPEST LAST NIGHT DROPPED ITS PROGRAM IN HUNGARIAN FOR HUNGARIANS ABROAD, AND INSTEAD CARRIED A PROGRAM IN SLOVAK. IT SAID IT WOULD CONTINUE SLOVAK NEWSCASTS.

APART FROM NEWS PROGRAMS, THE CZECHOSLOVAK FREE RADIOS LAST NIGHT CARRIED FREQUENT CODE MESSAGES. A TYPICAL EXAMPLE SAID: "THE ROEBUCK IS WAITING. KLEOPATRA CALLS VACLAV."

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