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ENDRST HAS LEARNED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK CORRESPONDENTS AT THE UN AND IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN RECALLED FOR REASSIGNMENT AT HOME.

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THESE TWO NEWSMEN, KAROL DLOUHY, THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY AND MR. AND MRS. SAR, WHO BOTH WORK IN THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF CTK, WILL LEAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSTS SOMETIME IN OCTOBER.

ACCORDING TO RFE INFORMANTS, NEITHER DLOUHY NOR SAR HAVE BEEN GIVEN ANY OFFICIAL REASON WHY THEY SHOULD BE RECALLED AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. DLOUHY ASSUMED HIS WASHINGTON POSITION ONLY ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. SAR, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS BEEN IN NEW YORK AS A NUMBER 2 MAN FOR THE NEWS AGENCY FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS AND HAS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED DESIRE TO RETURN TO PRAGUE.

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THE DECISION TO RECALL THEM CAME SHORTLY AFTER MR. DLOUHY AND MRS. SAR REPORTEDLY FLUNKED THE COMMUNIST PARTY CLEARANCE INTERVIEWS HERE. MR. SAR IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE PARTY.

BOTH FAMILIES HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA DESPITE THE FACT THAT SAR PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE SOVIET INVASION IN RADIO AND TELEVISION APPEARANCES IN NEW YORK IN 1968, WHILE DLOUHY WHO CAME TO NEW YORK AFTER THE INVASION, HAS NEVER MADE ANY BONES ABOUT HIS FEELINGS ON THIS SUBJECT AND REPORTEDLY SAID SO TO HIS COMMUNIST PEERS DURING THE VERIFICATION INTERVIEW.

MEANWHILE, IT IS ALSO RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE WIFE OF FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK CORRESPONDENT KAREL KRAL, WHO RETURNED TO PRAGUE SHORTLY AFTER HE HAD DEFECTED IN 1968, SUDDENLY APPEARED IN VIENNA. ACCORDING TO PEOPLE CLOSE TO KRAL, HIS WIFE IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO REJOIN HIM IN NEW YORK.

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IT APPEARS THAT MRS. KRAL ARRIVED IN VIENNA LEGALLY DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT IS OBVIOUSLY KNOWN TO THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT THAT HER HUSBAND BROADCASTS AGAINST IT OVER RFE.

MRS. KRAL, ACCORDING TO SOURCES INVOLVED IN HER EFFORT TO EMMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES, MAY HAVE RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES IN HER PROCESSING, ALTHOUGH IT COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER THESE ALLEGED DIFFICULTIES WERE CONNECTED WITH THE QUESTION OF HER APPARENTLY FRIENDLY AND LEGAL DEPARTURE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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