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1. The establishment of the People's Democracy in Czechoslovakia naturally had far-reaching effects on the Viennese Czechs. In 1945 the new Czech Government attempted to persuade the Czechs in Vienna to return to their homes by offering them excellent opportunities. Of the 10,000 persons who left Vienna at that time, approximately 1,000 have returned illegally.
2. By order of the Cominform, the Czech Central Committee in Vienna was to be communized through the activities of the Central Committee of the KPOe. However this plot failed when the anti-Communist Czech organizations withdrew their delegates from the Committee. Since that time the Czech Central Committee, no longer being licenced, has not existed legally.
3. The association of the Czechs and Slovaks in Austria, which was called into being with the help of official Czech authorities, exerts influence on the Czech Communists only. The Viennese Czechs have no desire whatever to be assimilated either politically or culturally. The Czech rental libraries in Vienna still lend books which have been banned in Czechoslovakia and denounced as hostile to the interest of the people. Likewise the Czech theater association completely ignores the cultural regulations valid in Czechoslovakia.

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