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X/4 C/S --2ND ADD -- PRAVDA ON CS DIFFICULTIES (CN 29) XXX DESIGNS

TASS ALSO QUOTED THE PRAVDA ARTICLE AS SAYING THIS  
ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

"IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT AFTER ALL THE EXPERIENCED SHOCKS  
IT IS NOT RPT NOT SO EASY TO RESTORE THE PULSES OF INDUSTRY,  
TRANSPORT AND TRADE TO A NORMAL BEAT. INDEED, THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
ECONOMY HAS ALWAYS DEPENDED ON EXPORTS:

APPROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT OF ALL THE NECESSARY RAW MATERIALS  
HAVE COME FROM ABROAD. THEREFORE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT  
THAT TRAINLOADS OF ORE, COAL, GRAIN, AND COTTON  
ARE COMING BY RAIL FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

"THERE IS ALSO A CONTINUED STREAM OF OIL AND GAS COMING THROUGH  
PIPELINES FROM THE SOVIET UNION. THROUGH TRAINS ON THE TRADITIONAL  
PRAGUE-MOSCOW LINE ARE RUNNING AGAIN.

"PARTY ORGANS, GOVERNMENT AND STATE INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC  
ORGANIZATIONS ARE RESUMING THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITY.

"THE CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TAKEN BY PARTY AND GOVERNMENT ORGANS WILL  
HAVE A GOOD EFFECT ON THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY,  
AND HELP CUT SHORT THE SUBVERSIVE WORK OF THE  
RIGHT WING, ANTISOCIALIST FORCES WHICH HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS LOSSES  
TO THE PEOPLE".

(TASS IN ENGLISH, AUG 31)

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