

X/4 C/S - IZVESTIA SEES "COMPLICATIONS" IN RETURN TO NORMAL

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MUNICH, AUGUST 31 (CMD)- THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA SAID TONIGHT THAT RETURNING THE SOCIAL-POLITICAL LIFE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO NORMAL WAS "COMPLICATED", REPORTED TASS IN ITS RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE SERVICE.

A REPORT FROM CORRESPONDENTS IN PRAGUE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEALING WITH URGENT PROBLEMS SO AS TO ENSURE A RETURN TO NORMALITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"COMPLETE NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION AND OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IS NOT AN EASY TASK. BUT IT IS NOT ABSOLUTELY UNMANAGEABLE. THE PRESS SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COUNTRY WAS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

"THE TASK OF BRINGING THE SOCIAL-POLITICAL LIFE BACK TO NORMAL APPEARS TO BE FAR MORE COMPLICATED. NORMALIZING THE MOODS OF THE PEOPLE, IF ONE CAN PUT IT THAT WAY, IS IN THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SPHERE. BUT THIS PROCESS, TOO, IS UNDERWAY."

IZVESTIA SAID THAT PUBLIC LIFE WAS STILL NOT "FREE IN THE INFLUENCE OF REACTIONARY FORCES WHICH, JUDGING BY ALL EVIDENCE DO NOT INTEND TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS.

"SOME SUBVERSIVE RUMORS ARE STILL IN CIRCULATION AGENTS PROVOCATEURS ARE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE GULLIBLE PEOPLE BY FABRICATIONS ABOUT REPRESSION WHICH, AS IS KNOWN, DOES NOT EXIST IN REALITY."

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