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X/4 C/S - JOURNALISTS AGREE ONLY TO A THREE-MONTH CENSORSHIP

MUNICH, SEPT 2 (CMD) -- THE CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS UNION HAS ANNOUNCED IT IS ACCEPTING CENSORSHIP OF PRESS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION FOR THREE MONTHS ONLY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNION'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM, BROADCAST BY RADIO BRATISLAVA LAST NIGHT, SAID:

"THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS DECLARED THAT IT ONLY ACCEPTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND CONTROL OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION, AND CETEKA FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS."

THE RADIO QUOTED THE PRESIDUM ANNOUNCEMENT AS SAYING:

"THE SOVIET SIDE INSISTS THAT THE WORD 'OCCUPIER' SHOULD DISAPPEAR FROM THE VOCABULARY OF OUR PAPER.

"IT (THE SOVIET SIDE) URGES THE ABOLITION OF THE 'REPORTER' (CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS SEMI-MONTHLY), 'STUDENT' (STUDENTS WEEKLY), AND 'LITERARNI LISTY' (WRITERS UNION WEEKLY), WHICH IT CALLS CENTRES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT 'REPORTER' WOULD STILL BE ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER.

RADIO BRATISLAVA SAID PRAGUE JOURNALISTS HAD REFUSED TO TAKE OVER THEIR BUILDINGS BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BY EXPERTS ON EXPLOSIVES.

THE RADIO ALSO SAID THAT BECAUSE OF "PROVED COLLABORATION" THE TWO LEADING CETEKA OFFICIALS LUKAC AND SULEK HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE JOURNALISTS UNION.

"THE CASE OF OLDRICH SVESTKA," FORMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE PARTY DAILY RUDE PRAVO, WAS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED, THE RADIO SAID.

(RADIO BRATISLAVA, DOMESTIC/M, SEPT 1, 2354)

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