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X/9 CS - POLISH COMMENT ON NEW CSSR PRESIDUM

WARSAW, SEPT 2, REUTER - A POLISH CORRESPONDENT REPORTED TONIGHT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAD DROPPED "EXTREME REVISIONIST AND DOGMATIC ELEMENTS" IN ELECTING A NEW ENLARGED PRESIDUM YESTERDAY.

MR KAROL SZYNDZIELORZ WAS COMMENTING IN A TELEVISION BROADCAST FROM PRAGUE ON THE RESULTS OF A TWO-DAY PLENARY SESSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THE PLENUM WAS AN EXAMPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS CONCERN TO MAINTAIN PARTY UNITY IN THE PRESENT DIFFICULT SITUATION.

IT WAS THE FIRST COMMENTARY HERE ON THE NEW PRESIDUM, ENLARGED FROM 11 TO 21 MEMBERS. IT CONTAINS A MAJORITY OF "PROGRESSIVES" SUPPORTING PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND HIS REFORMIST POLICIES, AND ONLY ONE KNOWN HARD-LINER, MR VASIL BILAK.

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