

X/4 CS - GOVERNMENT APPROVES CENSORSHIP LAW DRAFT

MUNICH, SEPT 2 (CMD)- THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TODAY APPROVED A DRAFT LAW RE-INTRODUCING CENSORSHIP.

RADIO PRAGUE SAID THAT AT ITS MEETING TODAY THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED A DRAFT LAW ON "SOME MEASURES IN THE SPHERE OF THE PERIODICAL PRESS AND OTHER MASS COMMUNICATION MEDIA ACCORDING TO WHICH, AS WAS ANNOUNCED, AN OFFICE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION IS SET UP AND THE PRESENT LAW ON THE PERIODICAL PRESS IS BEING AMENDED."

(THE RADIO GAVE NO RPT NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE DRAFT LAW).

THE RADIO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE COMMUNICATION MEDIA," THE NORMAL ACTIVITY OF WHICH IS ONE OF THE FIRST CONDITIONS OF A SPEEDY CONSOLIDATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIFE" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE GOVERNMENT "TOOK NOTE OF THE INFORMATION THAT THE MAIN COMPLEXES OF RADIO AND TELEVISION WILL BE FREED FOR NORMAL WORK IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS."

THE RETURN OF ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL OFFICES AND PRINTING HOUSES OF CENTRAL DAILIES AND MAGAZINES WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.

THE GOVERNMENT THEN DEALT WITH THE MOST PRESSING TASKS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES (THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES) AND APPEALED TO THE COMMITTEE LEADERS AND THE POPULATION TO HELP BRING ABOUT A CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE WHICH IS THE "BASIC PRECONDITION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE DEPARTURE OF TROOPS" FROM THE CSSR.

(RADIO PRAGUE DOMESTIC/M, SEPT 2/2200)

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