

X/4/9 CS - SOVIET SOLDIERS SHOT AT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MUNICH, SEPT 3 (CMD)- RADIO WARSAW'S CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE SAID TONIGHT THAT "NOT EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

HE SAID "A SOVIET SOLDIER WAS SHOT AT LAST NIGHT IN PRAGUE. THERE ARE A LOT OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS. THERE ARE VICTIMS."

(CMD - THE CORRESPONDENT DID NOT MAKE CLEAR WHETHER BY VICTIMS HE MEANT KILLED OR INJURED PEOPLE OR BOTH).

THE CORRESPONDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING CAME AT THE END OF A THREE-PAGE REPORT FROM PRAGUE ON THE NORMALIZATION OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID THAT MEETINGS OF PARTY AKTIVS TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY AND TODAY IN ALL REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE MEETINGS DISCUSSED THE COURSE AND THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE LAST PLENARY MEETING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

"THE PARTY AKTIV HAS SUPPORTED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, AND THE GENERAL LINE OF THE PARTY DIRECTED AT THE COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBLIGATIONS TAKEN IN PRAGUE, BRATISLAVA AND MOSCOW. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO MET TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

"POLITICS HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE SQUARES AND STREETS AND RETURNED TO THE BUILDINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES. THIS IS AN UNDOUBTFUL SYMPTOM OF THE PROGRESS IN THE NORMALIZATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," SAID THE CORRESPONDENT.

"THIS PROGRESS IS SO CLEAR THAT THOSE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO ARRIVED IN PRAGUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIBING SENSATIONS ARE PACKING THEIR BAGS AND LEAVING," HE SAID.

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT MANY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HAD LOST THEMSELVES IN THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH IS NOT FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO "UNAMBIGUOUS ASSESSMENTS."

HE SAID THAT ONLY TWO CZECHOSLOVAK PAPERS WERE ON SALE AT THE KIOSKS, NAMELY, THE PARTY PAPER, RUDE PRAVO AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK SPORTS DAILY, CESKOSLOVENSKY SPORT.

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT APART FROM THE NEW CHIEF EDITOR OF RUDE PRAVO, THE EDITORIAL GROUP HAD NOT CHANGED.

HE SAID THAT IN ITS LEADING ARTICLE RUDE PRAVO DECLARED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS, AND DENIED THE REPORTS OF THE WESTERN PRESS THAT ALLEGEDLY THE AIM OF THE STAY OF CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK IN SWITZERLAND IS THE FORMATION OF AN EMIGRE GOVERNMENT.

(RADIO WARSAW DOMESTIC/M, SEPT 3/2000)+

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