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X/4 C/S - ZAGREB ON TWO PICTURES OF HAJEK IN IZVESTIA

(EDS: THIS ITEM IS ES<sup>E</sup>PCIAL<sup>K</sup>LY USEFUL)

• MUNICH, SEP 4 (CMD)-- RADIO ZAGREB SAID TODAY THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DAILY, IZVESTIA, YESTERDAY ACCUSED CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK, OF COLLABORATING WITH THE GESTAPO IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS, WHILE LAST MAY IZVESTIA SAID HAJEK HAD BEEN A CONCENTRATION CAMP INMATE DURING THE HITLERITE OCCUPATION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF RADIO ZAGREB'S COMMENT:

"THE MOSCOW NEWSPAPER, IZVESTIA LAST NIGHT DEVOTED A WHOLE COLUMN TO CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER JIRI HAJEK WHOM IT DESCRIBED AS A COLLABORATEUR OF OBSCURE FORCES OF REACTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

"UNDER THE TITLE 'JIRI HAJEK ROAMS THE WORLD' THE SOVIET NEWSPAPER WRITES AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT HAJEK DURING HIS RECENT STAY IN AUSTRIA NOT RPT NOT ONLY ESTABLISHED DUBIOUS CONTACTS, BUT ALSO BEGGED FOR MONEY.

"IN EVEN DARKER COLORS, THE NEWSPAPER DESCRIBES HAJEK IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS AND CONDEMNS HIM FOR COLLABORATION WITH GESTAPO.

"THE NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA WROTE ABOUT HAJEK LAST TIME ON MAY 7 THIS YEAR, WHEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER WAS ON A VISIT TO MOSCOW, WHICH (THE VISIT) WAS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL AS FRIENDLY.

"ON THAT OCCASION, THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF THE GUEST IN WHICH IT WAS STRESSED THAT DURING THE HITLERITE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAJEK WAS IMPRISONED IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP, AND AT THE SAME TIME, ESPECIALLY UNDERLINED AMONG HIS OTHER FUNCTIONS THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP."

(RADIO ZAGREB DOMESTIC/M, SEP 4, 0001)

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