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(CMD)-- FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE IZVESTIA ARTICLE OF MAY 7 1968 CONCERNING HAJEK:

"THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR, J. HAJEK ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON MAY 6 ON A FRIENDLY VISIT. AT THE SHEREMETYEV AIRPORT J. HAJEK WAS MET BY USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A.A. GROMYKO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, L.F. ILICHEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE MFA OF THE USSR, I.N. ZEMSKOV, DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE MFA OF THE USSR E.I. GROMOV, F.F. MOLOCHKOV.

"J. HAJEK WAS BORN ON JUNE 6, 1913. HE GRADUATED FROM THE LEGAL FACULTY OF THE CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE. HE POSSESSES THE SCIENTIFIC TITLE OF A DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

"DURING THE HITLERITE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, J. HAJEK WAS IMPRISONED IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP. FROM 1945 TO 1955 HE PERFORMED THE WORK OF A LECTURER, IN PARTICULAR FROM 1949 TO 1954 HE WAS PROFESSOR AT THE FACULTY OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES OF THE CHARLES UNIVERSITY. IN 1955 HAJEK GOES OVER TO DIPLOMATIC WORK. FROM 1955 TO 1958 HE WAS AMBASSADOR OF THE CSSR IN GREAT BRITAIN. FROM 1958 TO 1962 HE WAS DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FROM 1962 TO 1965 HE WAS THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CSSR IN THE UN. IN 1965 J. HAJEK WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, AND IN 1967 MINISTER OF EDUCATION. SINCE APRIL 1968 HAJEK HAS BEEN CSSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

"HAJEK HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY SINCE 1948, MEMBER OF THE IDEOLOGICAL COMMISSION OF THE C.C.C.C. P. SINCE 1966. J. HAJEK HAS BEEN MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SINCE 1946." (END IZVESTIA TEXT).

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