

C/S - RUDE PRAVO: PROGRESSIVE PATH MUST BE FOLLOWED

PRAGUE, SEPT 4, REUTER -- THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO SAID TODAY THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA MUST CONTINUE ON ITS PROGRESSIVE PATH, EVEN IF IT IS SLOWED DOWN AND LIMITED AFTER THE COUNTRY'S OCCUPATION.

FOREIGN WARSAW PACT TROOPS WERE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "DUE TO THE HORRIBLE REALITIES OF OUR PRESENT LIFE," THE EDITORIAL SAID.

THE PARTY NEWSPAPER APPEARED TODAY FOR THE SECOND DAY FROM ITS OWN WORKS BUT THE CITY'S FIVE OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE STILL NOT APPEARED.

EDITORS FROM PRACE, ZEMEDLSKE NOVINY, MLADA FRONTA, LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE AND SVOBODNE SLOVO TOLD RUDE PRAVO THAT SOVIET TROOPS STILL OCCUPIED THEIR PREMISES.

RUSSIAN FORCES MOVED OUT OF THE BUILDINGS OF THE NATIONAL RADIO AND THE NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY CETEKA YESTERDAY BUT PRAGUE TELEVISION WAS STILL OCCUPIED.

RUDE PRAVO SAID THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL MEET NEXT WEEK TO PASS LAWS ON THE PRESS AND THE RIGHT OF ASSEMBLY.

A FINANCE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER THIS MORNING WARNED OF TOUGH MEASURES TO REVERSE THE SET-BACK WHICH THE COUNTRY SUFFERED AFTER THE INVASION.

TURNOVER TAXES PAID BY FACTORIES WOULD HAVE TO BE REASSESSED TO BALANCE THE STATE BUDGET, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES WERE NECESSARY IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE AND SAVING WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN ALL SPHERES INCLUDING HEALTH AND EDUCATION, IT ADDED.

THE FINANCE MINISTRY SAID THE VALIDITY OF BANK NOTES NOW IN CIRCULATION WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED. NO COUNTERFEIT BILLS HAD YET BEEN DISCOVERED, THE MINISTRY STATEMENT SAID.

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