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PRAGUE, SEPT 4 -- (CMD) --THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY  
TASS SAID TODAY THAT FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PREMIER OTA SIK  
AND THE COUNTRY'S LEADING ECONOMIST HAS SUFFERED  
"POLITICAL BANKRUPTCY."

IN A COMMENT CRITICIZING SIK FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE  
FROM HIS POST YESTERDAY, TASS ALSO MENTIONED CZECHOSLOVAK  
FOREIGN MINISTER HAJEK. THE TWO, TASS SAID, ALLEGEDLY  
PROCLAIMED THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WAS  
READY TO ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS OF A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

AFTER REPORTING ON SIK BEING RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES, TASS SAID:

"... IT IS KNOWN THAT O. SIK WAS ONE OF THE MOST  
ODIOUS FIGURES AMONG THE RIGHTWING-  
REVISIONIST FORCES WHICH CLOSED RANKS WITH COUNTER-REVOLUTION.  
IN HIS NUMEROUS SPEECHES, HE UNSCRUPULOUSLY SLANDERED THE  
SOCIALIST ROAD OF DEVELOPMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND  
ADVANCED HIS "NEW ECONOMIC MODEL" WHICH MEANT NOTHING BUT  
DRAGGING THE COUNTRY TO THE ROAD OF CAPITALISM AND MAKING IT  
DEPENDENT ON IMPERIALIST POWERS. SIK'S "MODEL" WHICH IS A  
MIXTURE OF BOURGEOISIE THEORIES DID NOT PROMISE TO THE  
WORKING PEOPLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC  
ANYTHING BUT UNEMPLOYMENT, DECLINE OF THE LIVING STANDARDS AND  
PENETRATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NATIONAL ECONOMY BY  
FOREIGN MONOPOLIES.

"FOR SOME TIME, O. SIK AND J. HAJEK HAVE BEEN STAYING  
IN BELGRAD WHERE THEY PROCLAIMED THE FORMATION OF A CERTAIN  
PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WAS READY TO ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS  
OF A "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE". THESE PLANS BURST LIKE A BUBBLE,  
AND O. SIK HAS SUFFERED POLITICAL BANKRUPTCY."

(TASS IN ENGLISH, SEPT 4)

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