

CS - STATEMENT^A BY CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS CHAIRMAN

ZURICH SEPT 4 (UPI)- CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS NOW ABROAD WILL NOT DO RPT NOT ANYTHING TO HARM THE DELICATE POSITION OF THEIR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, VLADIMIR KASPAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS' UNION SAID TODAY.

KASPAR ARRIVED IN ZURICH FROM ROME WHERE HE CONFERRED TUESDAY WITH THE TOP ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY REPRESENTATIVES. HE IS IN SWITZERLAND AT THE INVITATION OF THE ZURICH NEWSPAPER GUILD.

IN AN INTERVIEW AT ZURICH AIRPORT, KASPAR SAID NEWSS OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES' INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA REACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS VACATIONING IN TRIESTE.

HE SAID HE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED NOW-REMOVED DEPUTY-PREMIER OTA SIK IN BELGRADE AND SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH HIM.

KASPAR SAID THE POSITION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT WAS "HIGHLY DELICATE, AND ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE HOPE THE CIERNA NAD TISOU AGREEMENTS WILL BE RESPECTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE."

THIS WAS A REFERENCE TO THE RUSSIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE SO-CALLED "ACTION PROGRAM" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, IN WHICH A LIBERALIZATION POLICY WAS AGREED.

"I VISITED THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (HEADQUARTERS) TO DISCUSS THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN MY COUNTRY" KASPAR SAID.

"I WANT TO GO BACK HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT I DECIDED TO WAIT FOR GUARANTEES OF PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL FREEDOM," KASPAR SAID.

KASPAR IS SIMULTANEOUSLY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECH JOURNALISTS UNION AND OF THE NATIONWIDE CZECHOSLOVAK UNION.

"I WOULD LIKE TO RESUME MY FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE ADDED. HE IS THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF A POPULAR YOUTH WEEKLY SIGNAL.

KASPAR IS DUE TO RETURN TO TRIESTE THURSDAY TO RE-JOIN THE REST OF HIS FAMILY.