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X/4 C/S -- NO RETURN TO BUREAUCRATIC METHODS OF CENSORSHIP

MUNICH, SEP 5 (CMD)-- THE HEAD OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK INSTITUTE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION, JOSEF VOHNOUT, HAS SAID THAT HIS INSTITUTE'S MISSION DID NOT RPT NOT MEAN A "RETURN TO THE BUREAUCRATIC METHODS OF THE OLD CENSORSHIP."

RADIO PRAGUE CARRIED TODAY THE FOLLOWING REPORT CONCERNING VOHNOUT'S STATEMENT:

"A CETEKA REPORTER HAS VISITED THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION, JOSEF VOHNOUT, AND REQUESTED FROM HIM THE FIRST INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITY OF HIS OFFICE.

"JOSEF VOHNOUT SAID THE EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY CALLS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES BY THE GOVERNMENT.

"ONE OF THEM IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION. HOWEVER, THE MISSION OF HIS OFFICE IS NOT RPT NOT AND DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN A RETURN TO THE BUREAUTCRATIC METHODS OF THE OLD CENSORSHIP, WHICH ALL PRESS MEN CAME TO KNOW ONLY TOO WELL IN THE PAST YEARS.

"THE OFFICE IS ALSO GOING TO BE AN INFORMATION AND CONSULTING CENTER OF THE PREMIER'S OFFICE FOR CONTACT WITH THE EDITORIAL OFFICES.

"CONSTANT CONTACT BETWEEN THE OFFICE AND THE JOURNALISTS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ALSO BEING INFORMED ON THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE PRESS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION," VOHNOUT DECLARED, ACCORDING TO RADIO PRAGUE.

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