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MUNICH, SEPT 5 (CMD) - COMMUNISTS IN A SLOVAK DISTRICT HAVE SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION DEMANDED THE INTRODUCTION OF CENSORSHIP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHILE SOVIET COMMENTATORS WERE ALLOWED TO WRITE WHAT THEY LIKED ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

RADIO KOSICE REPORTED THEIR STATEMENTS IN A REPORT ON RECENT MEETINGS OF COMMUNIST PARTY ORGANISATIONS IN THE PRESOV DISTRICT.

IT SAID (1048) "AT ALL THE AKTIVS THE PARTICIPANTS DEMANDED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW.

"SOME PEOPLE CITED THE PARADOXICAL NATURE OF A SITUATION IN WHICH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT DEMANDS THAT CENSORSHIP BE APPLIED IN OUR COUNTRY TO QUESTIONS WHICH IN THEIR VIEW ARE ANTI-SOCIALIST OR ANTI-SOVIET, WHILE IN THE SOVIET PRESS PEOPLE WRITE WHAT THEY LIKE.

"THIS REFERS TO CERTAIN COMMENTATORS SUCH AS NOVIKOV, (AND) MURGINOV, AND ALSO THE VLTAVA TRANSMITTER," RADIO KOSICE SAID.

RADIO BRNO REPORTED TODAY THAT SO FAR THE BRNO CITY NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAD NOT RPT NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY TO ITS JULY INVITATION TO TWINNED CITIES OF THE FIVE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHOSE ARMIES HAVE ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IN BRNO LATER THIS MONTH.

THE CITY COMMITTEE WILL NOT RPT NOT REPEAT THE INVITATION, THE RADIO SAID.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, IT INVITES CORDIALLY TO THE TRADE FAIR REPRESENTATIVES OF ZAGREB....,"THE RADIO SAID (LOLO)

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