

CS - CSSR LEADERS TOUR FACTORIES

PRAGUE, SEPT 5, REUTER - CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS ARE TOURING FACTORIES IN THE PRAGUE AREA TO ADD A PERSONAL TOUCH TO THEIR DRIVE TO PUT THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY -- CRIPPLED BY THE SOVIET OCCUPATION -- BACK ON ITS FEET.

NORMALISATION, THOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN EXACTLY DEFINED, IS ONE OF THE KEY CONDITIONS SET BY MOSCOW FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS WHICH MOVED INTO THE COUNTRY 15 DAYS AGO.

PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA AND PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK ALL ADDRESSED WORKERS ON THE FACTORY FLOOR IN AN EFFORT TO GET PRODUCTION BACK TO NORMAL.

TODAY'S EDITION OF THE PARTY NEWSPAPER, RUDE PRAVO, REPORTED THAT MR. DUBCEK WAS WARMLY GREETED WHEN HE VISITED THE C.K.D. HEAVY MACHINERY PLANT. HE THANKED WORKERS FOR THEIR STAND DURING THE DIFFICULT DAYS, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

ONE WORKER AT ANOTHER FACTORY REPORTED HOW HE WAS HUGGED BY PREMIER CERNIK AFTER GIVING HIM A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS DURING A VISIT WITH PRESIDENT SVOBODA.

"HE EMBRACED ME SO HARD THAT I CAN STILL FEEL IT," THE WORKER SAID.

AFTER IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE FACTORY'S GUEST BOOK HAD BEEN MISLAID, A WORKER LATER VISITED PRAGUE CASTLE TO GET THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE. THERE SHE MET MR. DUBCEK, RUDE PRAVO SAID.

SHE TOLD THE NEWSPAPER: "I SAW MR. DUBCEK WAS NOT INJURED -- ALL THOSE REPORTS ARE JUST DUMB TALK -- BUT HE WAS VERY PALE."

THE PARTY NEWSPAPER ALSO PUBLISHED A SELF-CRITICAL STATEMENT BY MR. OLDRICH SVESTKA, FORMER EDITOR OF THE PAPER AND OUSTED MEMBER OF THE PARTY PRESIDUM. BUT THIS DENIED HE HAD EVER "BETRAYED THE PEOPLE."