

X/4/9 C/S - POLISH PAPER SAYS SIK AND HAJEK MAY OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT
LINE

MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 5 (CMD)- THE POLISH EVENING PAPER, KURIER POLSKI SAID TONIGHT THAT FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PREMIER OTA SIK, AND CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK MIGHT SUPPORT CIRCLES OPPOSING THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LINE.

THE PAP NEWS AGENCY CARRIED THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM A REPORT WRITTEN BY T. TRZCINSKI, THE PAPER'S PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT.

"THE DISMISSAL OF VICE PREMIER OTA SIK IS THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS PRIVATE AND UNPUBLISHED COMMENTS. MOST PEOPLE CONSIDER THIS DISMISSAL AS A NECESSARY STEP IF THE GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY WANTS TO IMPLEMENT ITS NEW POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LINE.

"FOR PROFESSOR SIK WAS ONE OF THE MAIN AUTHORS OF THE PROJECTED GENERAL REORGANIZATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMY, AIMED AT ADJUSTING THE ECONOMY TO COOPERATION WITH THE WEST, PARTICULARLY WITH THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

"THE INTERESTING VIEW CAN BE ALSO HEARD THAT SIK MAY BECOME A KIND OF NATIONAL HERO. SIK WHO HAS BEEN STAYING ABROAD FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW, MAY BECOME ONE OF THE MAIN CRITICS OF THE MOVES THAT WILL PROBABLY BE MADE BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT.

"TOGETHER WITH MINISTER HAJEK, WHO IS ALSO STAYING ABROAD, SIK MAY SUPPORT THOSE CIRCLES WHICH ARE IN OPPOSITION, IF NOT OPENLY, THEN CERTAINLY SECRETLY TO THE LINE NOW PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA," SAID THE REPORT. (PAP INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH/M, SEPTEMBER 5)

(CMD: THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN BERNE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HAJEK IS RETURNING HOME)