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MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 5 - (CMD)- SLOVAK PARTY LEADER GUSTAV HUSAK TOLD A PLENUM OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TODAY THAT PEOPLE WHO FLED FROM THE CSSR BECAUSE OF "EXAGGERATED FEAR" SHOULD BE ENABLED TO RETURN HOME.

HUSAK SAID THAT WHAT HE CALLED THE "MASS ESCAPE OF PEOPLE FROM OUR COUNTRY" ABROAD WAS "NOT RPT NOT EXACTLY A FAVORABLE PHENOMENON" EXCERPTS FROM HIS SPEECH WERE CARRIED BY RADIO BRATISLAVA.

THERE WERE MANY CONFUSED PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WENT ABROAD AND "CAME PERSONALLY INTO AN UNFAVORABLE SITUATION AND UNDER THE MOST VARIOUS INFLUENCE," HUSAK SAID.

THE SLOVAK PARTY LEADER SAID: "WE BELIEVE ...THAT WE DESIRE THE RETURN OF ALL COURAGEOUS PEOPLE WHO BECAUSE OF LACK OF INFORMATION OR OUT OF EXAGGERATED FEAR OR FOR ANY REASONS WHATSOEVER WENT ABROAD, AND THAT WE SHOULD TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES TO ENABLE THEM TO RETURN TO OUR STATE.

"I REPEAT THAT I THINK THAT MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN SO THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO RETURN, BUT PARTICULARLY POLITICAL MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN AND EXPLANATIONS MADE IN OUR ORGANIZATIONS... ENTERPRISES AND ON WORKING PLACES SO THAT PEOPLE HERE DO NOT LIVE IN PANIC" AND "FEAR," HE SAID.

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