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MUNICH, SEPT 6.- (CMD) - CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NEW INTERIOR MINISTER, JAN PELNAR, SAID IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT HE WAS TAKING OVER HIS JOB AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS A "COMPLICATED" SITUATION IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.

EVEN MORE COMPLICATED, THE MINISTER SAID, WAS TO WORK THERE BECAUSE "THERE ARE MANY VARIOUS VIEWS AT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY."

PELNAR, WHO FORMERLY HELD THE POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST BOHEMIAN REGIONAL NATIONAL COMMITTEE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) IN PLZEN, SAID HIS CHANGING OVER TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WAS "NOT RPT NOT EASY."

HE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT "WE WILL NOT RPT NOT ALWAYS DO ONLY POPULAR THINGS WHICH CANNOT RPT NOT BE DONE." AND HE ADDED, "I AM ALSO AWARE OF THE FACT THAT AS A PUBLIC FUNCTIONARY NOT RPT NOT EVERYBODY WILL LIKE ME..."

HE SAID HE TOOK OVER THE POST BECAUSE HE FULLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK AND PARLIAMENT CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY "WHOM I REALLY TRUST."

PELNAR SAID ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PRESENT TASKS WAS TO ENSURE PUBLIC ORDER IN THE WHOLE STATE. THE MINISTER SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE CITIZENS WOULD UNDERSTAND HIM.

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