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X/4 CS - COMMENTS ON MOSCOW BROADCAST OF SOVIET SOLDIERS WELCOME

MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 6 (CMD)- THE HEAD OF A SLOVAK COOPERATIVE FARM NEAR BRATISLAVA TODAY DENIED THAT A RADIO PROGRAM OF WELCOME FOR SOVIET TROOPS HAD ORIGINATED FROM HIS FARM.

RADIO BRATISLAVA SAID TONIGHT THAT A PROGRAMME CARRIED EARLY TODAY ON THE RADIO STATION "MOSCOW CALLING" HAD DEALT WITH THE WELCOME ACCORDED SOVIET SOLDIERS AT A COOPERATIVE FARM NEAR BRATISLAVA.

THE RADIO SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE FARM IN QUESTION WAS AT VISTUK AND THAT THE PRINCIPAL PERSON MENTIONED IN THE REPORT WAS FARM CHAIRMAN JOSEF MASCUCH.

RADIO BRATISLAVA SAID IT HAD ASKED MASCUCH TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON THE MOSCOW REPORT OF THE WELCOMING OF SOLDIERS AT HIS FARM.

MASCUCH SAID HE HAD LEARNED OF THE MOSCOW REPORT WITH SURPRISE SINCE NO REPORTER HAD VISITED HIS FARM TO RECORD SUCH A PROGRAMME. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PROGRAMME MUST HAVE ORIGINATED AT THE TIME OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET CIERNA NAD TISOU TALKS, WHEN HE AND OTHER FARM WORKERS HAD APPEARED ON TELEVISION.

MASCUCH ADDED THAT EVERY ONE AT THE COOPERATIVE FARM STOOD FIRMLY BEHIND PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK AND SLOVAK PARTY LEADER GUSTAV HUSAK.

(RADIO BRATISLAVA DOMESTIC, , SEPTEMBER 6, 1900)

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