

CS - PRAVDA: ENORMOUS WORK AHEAD (RELEADS CN 27)

MOSCOW, SEPT 8, REUTER -- PRAVDA WARNED TODAY THAT THEY "ENORMOUS WORK" STILL HAD TO BE DONE TO NORMALISE THE SITUATION IN THEIR COUNTRY AND REITERATED THAT TROOPS WOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN UNTIL NORMALISATION WAS ACHIEVED.

IN A FRONT PAGE INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY BY ALEXEI LUKOVETS, THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER SAID THAT ALL THE MEASURES TAKEN BY CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS SO FAR HAD BEEN ONLY "THE FIRST STEPS."

"THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION IS A COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT PROCESS....THE FIRST STEPS IN THE DIRECTION OF NORMALISATION HAVE BEEN MADE," PRAVDA SAID.

BUT IT ADDED: "AT THE SAME TIME, ONE CANNOT FAIL TO SEE THAT THE PARTY AND STATE AGENCIES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC STILL HAVE ENORMOUS WORK TO DO FOR THE GENUINE NORMALISATION OF THE SITUATION."

PRAVDA REITERATED THAT "NORMALISATION," MEANT "PRIMARILY THE EXPOSURE AND SUPPRESSION OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION, A RESOLUTE BLOW AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES, WHICH EVEN NOW ARE TRYING TO OPERATE."

"THE TROOPS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES ARE NOT INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIAN, AND THEY WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM HER TERRITORY AS THE SITUATION IS NORMALISED," PRAVDA ADDED.

"BUT LET THERE BE NO DOUBT THAT THE ALLIED TROOPS WILL FULFIL THEIR NOBLE INTERNATIONAL MISSION TO THE END."

IT REJECTED THE VIEW, ADVANCED "THAT THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF NORMALISATION WHILE ALLIED

TROOPS ARE IN PLACE."

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