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X/4 C/S -- JUSTICE MINISTER ON PROPOSED LAWS

MUNICH, SEPT 9 (CMD) -- CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER OF JUSTICE DR. BOHUSLAV KUCERA SAID LAST NIGHT HIS MINISTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY ITS POST-JANUARY ACTION PROGRAM THAT "PUTS STRESS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF STRICT OBSERVANCE OF LEGALITY."

KUCERA SAID IN A RADIO PRAGUE INTERVIEW "THE PRINCIPLE OF LEGALITY MUST EVEN IN THE CURRENT COMPLEX SITUATION REMAIN INDISPUTABLE."

HE REAFFIRMED THAT ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK BODIES WILL TAKE DECISIONS AFFECTING THE COUNTRY'S CITIZENS.

KUCERA ALSO SAID A LAW IS BEING ELABORATED ON COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY ILLEGAL DECISIONS, WHICH "IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE GUARANTEES OF CITIZENS' RIGHTS AND OF LEGALITY IN STATE ADMINISTRATION."

HE SAID THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAW ON REHABILITATIONS WAS VALID AND WILL BE ENFORCED.

THE REHABILITATION COMMISSIONS WILL BE IN OPERATION BY THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER AT THE LATEST.

DISCUSSING THE LAW NOW IN PREPARATION TO SET UP AN OFFICE FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION, KUCERA SAID IT ENVISAGED TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OR EVEN A COMPLETE BAN ON JOURNALS DISREGARDING INSTRUCTIONS.

"THE LAW IS FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND WE MUST EXPECT EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES," HE SAID.

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