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C/S - PUBLIC MEETINGS CAN BE STOPPED -- JUSTICE MINISTER

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PRAGUE, SEPT. 9, REUTER - CZECHOSLOVAK JUSTICE MINISTER BOHUSLAV KUCERA SAID TODAY PUBLIC MEETINGS COULD BE BROKEN UP UNDER SPECIAL MEASURES PREPARED BY THE PRAGUE GOVERNMENT.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRAGUE NEWSPAPER SVOBODNE SLOV, HE SAID MEETINGS WHICH "ARE CONTRARY TO OUR FOREIGN POLITICAL INTERESTS AND PUBLIC ORDER" COULD BE DISPERSED.

THE MEASURES WOULD BE ENFORCED UNTIL PARLIAMENT PASSED A NEW LAW ON MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES.

THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE WAS PREPARING NEW PRESS LAWS WHICH WOULD CREATE THE OFFICE OF A CENSOR, MR. KUCERA SAID.

UNDER THESE LAWS, IF A PUBLISHING HOUSE DID NOT FOLLOW GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS IT WOULD RECEIVE A WARNING, AND FURTHER VIOLATIONS COULD RESULT IN A PUBLICATIONS SUSPENSION FOR A CERTAIN TIME.

(CMD) - SIMILAR STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY KUCERA IN AN INTERVIEW BROADCAST BY RADIO PRAGUE LAST NIGHT)

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