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X/4 C/S - SMRKOVSKY TELLS RALLY ABOUT "15-ARTICLE PROTOCOL"

MUNICH, SEPT 9 (CMD) - CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY REFERRED TODAY TO A 15-ARTICLE PROTOCOL, AND NOTED THAT ONE OF THE ARTICLES STATED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD GO ON PURSUING THE POLICY EMBARKED ON IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

SMRKOVSKY'S STATEMENTS WERE QUOTED IN A TELEVISION BROADCAST. IT WAS NOT RPT NOT CLEAR IF THE PROTOCOL TO WHICH HE WAS REFERRING WAS THE CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET AGREEMENT REACHED IN MOSCOW. VARIOUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE WEST SAYING THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINED FROM 14 TO 18 POINTS.

THE BROADCAST SAID THAT SMRKOVSKY FOLLOWED AN INVITATION OF THE WORKERS OF Kladno Steel Works Northwest of Prague and visited their factory.

THE BROADCAST SAID SMRKOVSKY TOURED THE FACTORY, AND THEN ATTENDED A MEETING WITH THE WORKERS.

THE TELEVISION REPORT SAID SMRKOVSKY MADE A SPEECH WHICH WAS "ABOVE ALL DEVOTED TO THE CURRENT SITUATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS, AND TO THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH HAS STRENGTHENED IN THE RECENT DIFFICULT DAYS IN OUR FATHERLAND."

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