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MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CMD)- THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL SLOVAK PARTY DAILY "SMER" IN BANSKA BYSTRICA WAS FREED FROM OCCUPATION BY BULGARIAN TROOPS THIS AFTERNOON, RADIO BRATISLAVA REPORTED ~~LAST~~ NIGHT.

THE RADIO SAID THE "SMER" OFFICE IS ONE OF THE LAST EDITORIAL OFFICES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BE RELEASED BY THE MEMBERS OF "FOREIGN ARMIES."

THE RADIO NOTED THAT THE EDITORIAL OFFICE IN BANSKA BYSTRICA WAS RELEASED "ONLY TODAY, ALTHOUGH THIS SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED ON SATURDAY NIGHT ON THE BASIS OF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL SLOVAKIAN REGIONAL PARTY COMMITTEE, JOINED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF 'SMER', AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMAND OF THE SOVIET AND BULGARIAN TROOPS."

THE RADIO ADDED "THUS, ALSO IN BANSKA BYSTRICA, LIFE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL."

IT SAID THAT IT IS "NOTEWORTHY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY (POLICE) NOW HAVE LESS TO DO HERE THAN AT ANY TIME BEFORE."

THE RADIO SAID THERE IS AN "INCOMPARABLY" SMALLER NUMBER OF TRAFFIC OFFENCES AND ALSO OF OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS MONTHS.

(RADIO BRATISLAVA DOMESTIC/M, SEPT 9/2209)

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