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C/S - VALES SAYS CO-OPERATION WITH SOVIET NECESSARY (W/CN - 40)

PRAGUE, SEPT. 10, REUTER - CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER VACLAV VALES, NOW TAKING PART IN KREMLIN TALKS, SAID BEFORE HE LEFT THAT ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION WAS NECESSARY TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IT WAS REPORTED HERE TODAY.

THE PARTY NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO QUOTED HIM AS TELLING SOVIET JOURNALISTS:

"FOR OUR TWO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CLOSE COOPERATION IS DICTATED NOT ONLY FROM FEELING BUT ALSO FROM UNDERSTANDING THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS REAL INTEREST IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND ON THE BASIS OF THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (COMECON)."

MR. VALES SAID CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS PREPARING CONCRETE PROPOSALS WITH THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND DEEPENING THE ACTIVITY OF COMECON SO THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PURPOSEFUL IN INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOUR AND IN INTEGRATING THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

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