

CN 99

X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD - CERNIK SIGNS (CN 96) XXX DETAILS

(CMD) - THE AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REPORTED BY TASS, IN THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH:

"A SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK AGREEMENT ON NATURAL GAS DELIVERIES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND COOPERATION IN BUILDING A GAS PIPELINE THROUGH SOVIET TERRITORY HAS BEEN SIGNED IN THE KREMLIN HERE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.

"THE DOCUMENTS WERE SIGNED BY ALEXEI KOSYGIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR, AND OLDŘICH CERNIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

(CMD) -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SIGNING CAME ONLY A FEW HOURS AFTER CERNIK ARRIVED IN MOSCOW TODAY.

(TASS IN ENGLISH, SEPT 10)

(UPI) - CTK SAID THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENTS WAS ATTENDED--IN ADDITION TO THE TWO PREMIERS--BY CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PREMIER FRANTISEK HAMOUZ, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER VACLAV VALES, SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER KIRILL MAZUROV, DEPUTY PREMIER VLADIMIR KIRILLIN, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO AND OTHERS.

AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY, SOVIET PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN GAVE A LUNCH IN HONOR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER AND HIS DELEGATION, CTK SAID.

MA/A/701 1504/68 SEPT 10 4