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THE RADIO'S REPORT ON SMRKOVSKY CONTINUED:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE SAID, WANTED TO FULFILL EVERY DETAIL OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS, TRUSTING THAT THE OTHER SIDE WOULD DO THE SAME. SMRKOVSKY SAID A GREAT DEAL HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF LIFE IN THE COUNTRY. HE BELIEVED THE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE ARMY AND THE SECURITY FORCES WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY THEMSELVES.

REFERRING TO THE VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF KUZNETSOV, THE SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, SMRKOVSKY SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE FRUITFUL.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS CONCERNING REPORTS IN SOME OF THE NEWSPAPERS OF SOME OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, HE SAID WRONG INFORMATION WOULD BE RECTIFIED THROUGH CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY CHANNELS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SO FAR NO RPT NO NAMES HAVE BEEN GIVEN CONCERNING THE INVITATION OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

SMRKOVSKY ALSO SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PERSECUTION OF CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLECTUALS. NEITHER PROFESSOR GOLDSTUECKER, PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS UNION, NOR WRITER LADISLAV MNACKO, HAS BEEN ARRESTED. FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER PROF OTA SIK RESIGNED HIMSELF AND HE WOULD BE GIVEN SOME OTHER JOB. SMRKOVSKY ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANTONIN NOVOTNY FORMER PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, TO REENTER POLITICAL LIFE. 4

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