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X/4 C/S -- CSSR LEADERS APPEAL TO CZECHOSLOVAK ABROAD TO RETURN HOME

MUNICH, SEPTEMBER 10 (CMD)- CZECHOSLOVAK STATE AND PARTY LEADERS HAVE APPEALED TO CZECHOSLOVAKS, CITIZENS WHO REMAINED ABROAD FOR VARIOUS REASONS TO RETURN HOME.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE IN A PROCLAMATION ADDRESSED TO ALL CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, AND SIGNED BY PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, PREMIER OLDŘICH ČERNÍK, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSÝ AND SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF GUSTAV HUSAČ.

THE PROCLAMATION, BROADCAST OVER RADIO PRAGUE AND CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION TONIGHT, SAID IN REFERENCE TO CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS ABROAD "YOUR PLACE IS HERE. THE REPUBLIC NEEDS YOUR ABILITIES AND KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION, YOUR CREATIVE WORK.

"YOUR FELLOW-CITIZENS WHO ARE BUILDING FURTHER WITH DETERMINATION AND DEDICATION THEIR FATHERLAND FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN. ARE WAITING FOR YOU.

"AT THE SAME TIME WE APPEAL TO YOU AND WE EXPECT FROM YOU THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ENTICED BY THOSE WHO WANT TO TEAR YOU FROM OUR COMMON SOCIALIST FATHERLAND, AND SET YOU AGAINST ITS PEOPLE, AGAINST THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC," SAID THE STATEMENT.

THE STATEMENT ALSO SAID THAT EVERY CITIZENS NO RPT NO MATTER WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD SHOULD OBSERVE THE LAW.

(RADIO PRAGUE DOMESTIC, M, SEPTEMBER 10, 1900)

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