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X/4 C/S - SMRKOVSKY: PARTY NOT "DOUBLE-FACED"

MUNICH, SEPT 10 (CML)- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, HAS SAID HIS COUNTRY'S COMMUNIST PARTY WILL NOT RPT NOT LEARN TO BE "DOUBLE-FACED," BUT WILL PRESERVE ITS "FRANKNESS."

SMRKOVSKY MADE THE STATEMENT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO PRAGUE RECORDED YESTERDAY DURING HIS VISIT TO THE KLDNO UNITED STEEL WORKS. THE INTERVIEW WAS CARRIED BY THE RADIO TONIGHT.

SMRKOVSKY SAID THE PARTY WILL OBSERVE THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS. "AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL FULFILL CONSISTENTLY ALSO THAT ARTICLE OF OUR MOSCOW PROTOCOL WHICH SAYS THAT OUR COMMUNIST PARTY WILL GO ON PURSUING THE POLICY WHICH WE STARTED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR," HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO THE CURRENT CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION, SMRKOVSKY SAID HE WAS "ARMoured AGAINST PESSIMISM..."

HE SAID "OUR PARTY IS REALLY A PARTY OF OUR PEOPLE," AND IT WANTS TO BUILD UP SOCIALISM "WITH A HUMAN FACE."

SMRKOVSKY SAID "I REPEAT THAT I AM NOT RPT NOT AFRAID OF THE FUTURE, WHEN I THINK ALSO OF OUR CZECH AND SLOVAK YOUTH..."

SMRKOVSKY SAID HE IS NOT RPT NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE WHEN HE THINKS "THAT HALF A MILLION HUNGARIANS, LIVING IN SLOVAKIA, HAVE ADHERED TO THIS REPUBLIC..."

BUT, HE SAID, THE FUTURE "WILL NOT RPT NOT BE EASY."

"THERE ARE OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES" THAN THE MOSCOW AGREEMENTS, HE SAID, BUT DID NOT RPT NOT EXPLAIN THIS POINT FURTHER.

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