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CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN TRADE INCREASES

TRADE WITH USSR INCREASES -- Svobodne Slovo, No 29, 4 Feb 49

Czechoslovak imports from the USSR in December were three times as great as in November. Exports to the USSR rose moderately (821.6 million crowns), and were greater than the exports to any other one country during the month.

Czech-Russian trade in 1948 totaled over 13 billion crowns.

FOOD IMPORTS FROM USSR -- Svobodne Slovo, No 26, 1 Feb 49

Czechoslovakia has received 50,012,000 kilograms of bread grains 8,273,000 kilograms of feed, 5,100,000 kilograms of meat, and 2,192,731 kilograms of bulk butter from the USSR. Five freight cars carrying 30,000 kilograms of choice quality Russian tea are now in Prague.

FOOD SHIPMENT FROM USSR AND RUMANIA -- Svobodne Slovo, No 26, 1 Feb 49

Between 3 and 28 January 53,854 tons of grain from the Soviet Union arrived at Cierne nad Tisou (Cierne on the Tisa). In accordance with the agreement signed by President Gottwald during his visit to the USSR last fall, 5,076 tons of meat and 2,421 tons of butter also arrived at Cierne nad Tisou by 28 January; and 44,684 tons of corn have arrived from Rumania.

IMPORTS OF RUSSIAN TEA -- Svobodne Slovo, No 29, 4 Feb 49

Czechoslovakia is to receive 30 carloads of Russian tea during 1949, under the terms of the Czech-Soviet trade agreement. This is as much tea as was consumed in Czechoslovakia before the war, but it is impossible to predict whether it will satisfy the present demand, especially in view of the high reputation of Russian tea.

The first four cars are now in Prague, and the fifth is on the way.

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CZECH GOODS EXPORTED TO GUATEMALA -- Obrana Lidu, No 36, 12 Feb 49

Within a single week, 17 motorcycles of the Czech Jawa and CZ makes were sold in Guatemala, and considerable business was done in Zetor-model tractors.

Czech ground glass also is much in demand in Guatemala for use in native stores and in houses, and the City Hall in Guatemala is decorated with it. Textiles, hunting and sport guns, automobiles, and miscellaneous industrial machinery also are exported from Czechoslovakia in exchange for Guatemalan raw materials.

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