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9.	Loudspeaker systems were installed on the streets of every city and town and most villages in Czechosłovakia. Some of the more isolated villages did not have them, usually bacause the village could not afford the costs of purchase and installation.	25X1
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	placed in strategic places such as on church towers and tall buildings, so that they could be heard as far as possible. In the larger towns they were installed along some of the main streets. The loudspeakers in a single town were all connected and were controlled from the office of the local national committee in that town. The loudspeakers were never controllable from the street.	
10.	The loudspeaker systems were utilized mostly for announcements of purely local interest, such as information about Communist Party functions, theater performances, motion pictures, or requesting an individual to report to the office of the local national committee; announcements were made of gas shortages, that specific trains were not going to run, or that the electricity would be cut off. Radio broadcasts were aired over these systems only on rare occations and then only if an important speech was to be made by some high government official. The systems were used mostly during rush hours, at noon, or at supper time, never at night, but if there was information the local national committee thought the people should know at 2 p. m., for instance, they would broadcast it at that time.	,

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