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NATIONAL CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN CZECH 1340 GMT 22 AUG 63 L

(1236 KCS)

(EXCERPTS) WE HAVE INTERCEPTED A TRANSMISSION FROM RADIO DANA WHICH CONTAINS NEWS OF THE CONGRESS DELIBERATIONS. AS RECEPTION FROM THIS STATION WAS VERY POOR, WE HEARD ONLY THE REPORT THAT PRESIDENT SVOBODA HAS SENT THE CONGRESS A TELEGRAM IN WHICH HE WISHED IT MUCH SUCCESS.

OUR FRIENDS WHO, WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT, MANAGED TO INTERCEPT RADIO DANA, HAVE NOW REPORTED TO US. (?IT HAS BEEN DECIDED) THAT RADIO PRAGUE, WHICH IS FROM TIME TO TIME INTERRUPTED, WILL AT THOSE TIMES BE RELAYED BY OUR HRADEC KRALOVE . AND CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY US.

THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE CONGRESS IS 1,171. MINISTERS PRESENT ARE MACHACOVA, PAVEL, GALUSKA, VLCEK, RAZL, PENC, KADLEC, AND OTHERS. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR THE LEGAL STATE AND PARTY BODIES UNDER CERNIK , DUBCEK, AND SVOBODA.

DURING THE CONGRESS, ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE WERE HELD. FOR THE TIME BEING WE HAVE HEARD ONLY A FEW NAMES. ELECTED WERE SVOBODA, DUBCEK, CERNIK, KRIEDEL, SMRKOVSKY, SIK, (NAME INDISTINCT), AND SPACEK.

A RESOLUTION FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE WAS READ TO THE CONGRESS, EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT. IT WELCOMES THE PROCLAMATION ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS AND OFFERS HELP.

THERE WAS ALSO A STATEMENT FROM MEMBERS OF THE 24TH AND 25TH BASIC ORGANIZATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AT THE MAIN STATE SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IN PRAGUE. IT SAYS : IN VIEW OF REPEATED REPORTS THAT STATE SECURITY MEMBERS ARE COOPERATING WITH FOREIGN UNITS ARRESTING OF OUR CITIZENS, INCLUDING SOME PROMINENT PERSONS , WE DECLARE THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ORDERS FROM ANY OF OUR SUPERIORS TO TAKE ACTION OF THIS SORT . NOR WOULD WE LEND OURSELVES TO SUCH ACTIONS. THEY FURTHER ASSURE ALL CITIZENS THAT THEY WILL NEITHER ACCEPT NOR CARRY OUT ORDERS OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED BY FREELY ELECTED ORGANS. (?THEY) DEMAND THAT ALL CITIZENS OF OUR STATE BE PERMITTED TO FREELY FULFILL THEIR FUNCTIONS. STATE SECURITY ALSO CATEGORICALLY MEMBERS DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY UNITS FROM THE TERRITORY OF OUR REPUBLIC. THEY CALL ON ALL BASIC ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE STATE SECURITY SERVICE TO APPROVE THIS STATEMENT.

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