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MOSCOW (UPI)--CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LEADERS, APPARENTLY INCLUDING COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK, EXTENDED A DAY OF TALKS WITH THE THREE HEADS OF THE KREMLIN AND WILL CONTINUE THEM ON SUNDAY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE LIBERAL DUBCEK IN POWER, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY.

THE TASS NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED THE TALKS WOULD CONTINUE. IT MENTIONED ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA BY NAME, BUT INFORMED COMMUNIST SOURCES SAID DUBCEK AND FELLOW LIBERAL OLDŘICH CERNIK, THE CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER, WERE ATTENDING THE TALKS.

TASS SAID THE TALKS SATURDAY, LIKE THOSE ON FRIDAY, HAD PASSED IN A "FRANK AND COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE."

SOURCES SAID DUBCEK, WHO HAD BEEN "INTERNED" BY THE SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES IN PRAGUE, WAS "SAFE."

THE COMMUNIST SOURCES HAD SAID EARLIER SATURDAY THAT THE TALKS BEHIND THE KREMLIN WALLS HAD CONCLUDED AND THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION, HEADED BY PRESIDENT SVOBODA, WOULD FLY HOME TO PRAGUE SATURDAY NIGHT TO ADDRESS THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN NATION.

BOTH DUBCEK AND CERNIK HAD BEEN BRANDED AS "TRAITORS" ON THURSDAY BY THE SOVIET PRESS.

DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS SPECULATED THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS IN TALKS WHICH BEGAN FRIDAY NIGHT AND CONTINUED NEARLY ALL DAY SATURDAY WOULD INCLUDE:

--ALL THE CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER DETENTION BY THE OCCUPYING SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT FORCES WOULD BE FREED.

--THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

--THE INVADING SOVIET-LED WARSAW PACT ARMIES WOULD GRADUALLY BE REDUCED AND ULTIMATELY WITHDRAWN FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

--A FORM OF RESTRAINT WILL BE REIMPOSED UPON THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA WHICH HAD BEEN THE MAIN TARGETS OF SOVIET CHARGES OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY." ONE OF DUBCEK'S REFORMS HAD BEEN TO FREE THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS FROM CENSORSHIP.

EARLIER, COMMUNIST SOURCES SAID THE TALKS AT THE KREMLIN HAD INDICATED MOSCOW MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT DUBCEK BACK IN HIS OLD POSITION AS PARTY LEADER.

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THE NORTH SLOVAK FREE RADIO BROADCAST THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM DEPUTY PREMIER GUSTAV HUSAK, ONE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WHO ACCOMPANIED SVOBODA TO MOSCOW, THAT DUBCEK WOULD BE REINSTATED "IN ALL HIS POSTS."

THE KREMLIN CONFERENCE BEGAN FRIDAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SVOBODA AND A DELEGATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WHO BOTH SUPPORTED AND OPPOSED DUBCEK'S REFORM REGIME.

THERE WAS LITTLE QUESTION SVOBODA HAD INSISTED ON THE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF DUBCEK AS CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER.

DUBCEK AND CERNIK JOINED THE KREMLIN TALKS ON SATURDAY.

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MOST OF THE SOVIET UNION'S TOP LEADERS, INCLUDING PARTY LEADER LENOID I. BREZHNEV, PREMIER ALEXEI N. KOSYGIN, PRESIDENT NIKOLAI V. PODGORNYY AND MOST OF THE SOVIET POLITBURO, WERE ON HAND TO KISS AND EMBRACE THE 72-YEAR-OLD CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT.

SVOBODA WAS GIVEN A JET FIGHTER ESCORT AS HIS PLANE APPROACHED MOSCOW AND A 21-GUN SALUTE WHEN HE LANDED. THE WHOLE RECEPTION WAS THE HIGHEST HONORS THE KREMLIN CAN BESTOW ON A VISITING HEAD OF STATE AND LEFT NO DOUBT THAT MOSCOW STILL RECOGNIZED SVOBODA AS THE "LEGAL" PRESIDENT.

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THE OFFICIAL SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID SATURDAY NIGHT THE TALKS IN THE KREMLIN WOULD CONTINUE ON SUNDAY. BUT DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS SAID THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES THE TWO SIDES REACHED A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT SATURDAY, BUT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT READY TO SIGN.

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THE SOURCES SAID A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MOSCOW AND PRAGUE LATE SATURDAY NIGHT AND THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION HAD DECIDED TO WAIT AND HAVE DINNER WITH THE SOVIET LEADERS BEFORE FLYING HOME.

BUT THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE TALKS WOULD CONTINUE SUNDAY INDICATED THE COMMUNIQUE COULD NOT BE PREPARED IN TIME AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION WOULD STAY OVER ANOTHER DAY TO SIGN IT.

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