

X/4 C/S - RELEASE OF CISAR DEMANDED (WITH CN 246)

PRAGUE, AUGUST 21 (CMD)-- MEMBERS OF THE CZECH RPT CZECH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST THE "ARREST" OF THEIR CHAIRMAN, DR CESTMIR CISAR.

(CMD- CISAR'S RELEASE, AS WELL AS THAT OF PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PREMIER ILDRICH CERNIK, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, PARTY SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND NATIONAL FRONT CHAIRMAN FRANTISEK KRIEGL " FROM INTERNMENT" WAS ALSO DEMANDED EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.)

THE CZECH NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD HELD A MEETING, CETEKA SAID, ATTENDED BY THOSE MEMBERS FROM BOHEMIA, MORAVIA AND SILESIA, "WHO WERE ABLE TO "GATHER IN PRAGUE.

THE "RESOLUTE" PROTEST OF THE COUNCIL ALSO SAID "THAT ALL PERSONS WHO KIDNAPPED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECH NATIONAL COUNCIL ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME."

CETEKA ALSO REPORTED THAT "PART OF A DELEGATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAD GONE TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PRAGUE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE FIRST DELEGATION OF M. P. S WHO WENT THERE IN THE MORNING AND WHOSE WHEREABOUTS REMAIN UNKNOWN."

ANOTHER "PART OF THE DELEGATION" HAD GONE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING TO CONTACT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN SMRKOVSKY, PREMIER CERNIK, AND PARTY SECRETARY DUBCEK, BUT HAD BEEN TURNED BACK THERE BY "THE OCCUPATION TROOPS."

THE NEWS AGENCY ALSO SAID THE DELEGATION WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE LEADERSHIP GROUP, WHICH WAS SAID TO BE HOLDING A "SESSION" IN THE BUILDING.

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