

X/4 C /S - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HOLDING EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

PRAGUE, AUGUST 21 (CMD)-- AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, MEETING IN THE ENCIRCLED PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN PRAGUE, IS REPORTED TONIGHT BY CETEKA.

THE NEWS AGENCY SAID THE ASSEMBLY HAD MET TO HEAR REPORTS FROM TWO DELEGATIONS SENT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND THE BUILDING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ZDENEK FIERLINGER, ONETIME CZECHOSLOVAK PREMIER, HAD HEADED THE DELEGATION WHICH WENT TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY, THERE TO REQUEST "THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY."

THE DELEGATION HAD ALSO "REQUESTED," CETEKA SAID IN A REPORT, "THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO WORK LEGALLY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS CHAIRMAN, JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY."

THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN ASSURED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR, N.S. PRASLOV, THAT HE WOULD CONVEY THESE "DEMANDS" TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES. HE WOULD INFORM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY TELEPHONE "WHEN AND WITH WHOME OF THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE ABLE TO CONFER."

CETEKA SAID THAT "THIS PROMISE WAS NOT KEPT."

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS MEETING AFTER BEING CALLED INTO SESSION EARLIER IN THE DAY BY TWO OF ITS DEPUTY CHAIRMEN. CETEKA DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE FULL ASSEMBLY WAS IN SESSION, OR EVEN HOW MANY MEMBERS WERE THERE.

IT SAID THAT THE SECOND DELEGATION, HEADED BY DEPUTY ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN, AMRIS MIKOVA, HAD GONE TO THE BUILDING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, BUT HAD BEEN TURNED BACK THERE.

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