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X/4 C/S -- 2D ADD CS GOVERNMENT DEMANDS RELEASE (CN 323) XXX SMRKOVSKY

IN ITS APPEAL, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO SAID:

"A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP LEADING OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN INTERNED; THE LAST LINK REMAINS THE SEMI-ILLEGAL CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO, KEPT GOING ONLY TO THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION OF THE STAFF AND THE STATIONS OF WHICH ARE BEING CLOSED DOWN ONE AFTER THE OTHER; EVEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES AS WELL AS THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WISH TO CARRY OUT THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS AND ENSURE NORMAL LIFE IN THE COUNTRY.

THE APPEAL ALSO DEMANDED -- AS DID A DIPLOMATIC NOTE EARLIER TODAY TO THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, AND BULGARIA -- THE "IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS OF THE FIVE STATES OF THE WARSAW TREATY."

THE APPEAL CONTINUED: "WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE CONVENTION OF THE WHOLE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO WHOM THE WHOLE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT WOULD PRESENT ITS STANDPOINT ON THE EXISTING SITUATION."

AS THIS APPEAL WAS BEING ISSUED, CETEKA DISTRIBUTED A DISPATCH WHICH SAID THE PRESIDUM OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS DEMANDING THAT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ARRIVE "AT ONCE" AT THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT FOR A PLENARY SESSION.

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