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X/4 C/S - PRAGUE COMMENTATOR SPEAKS OF "CLEAR DIFFERENCE"
BETWEEN HUNGARY 1956 AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1968

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CMD)- RADIO PRAGUE'S COMMENTATOR JIRI DIENSTBIER SAID TONIGHT OVER RADIO CESKE BUDEJOVICE "TO ALL OF US AND TO THE WORLD IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS AN ABSOLUTELY CLEAR DIFFERENCE AS COMPARED TO THE HUNGARIAN EVENTS IN 1956, WHEN REAL UNREST OCCURRED IN HUNGARY WHILE OUR COUNTRY WAS ABSOLUTE CALM."

DIENSTBIER SAID IN THE BROADCAST:

"DEAR FRIENDS, I THINK THAT IN THESE MOMENTS WE CAN WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY SAY AT LEAST ONE POSITIVE THING. THE ARGUMENTS OF THE OCCUPANTS WERE WRECKED COMPLETELY, BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO LIQUIDATE, UNTIL THIS MOMENT, THE FREE BROADCASTS, THEY COULD NOT RPT NOT EVEN PRETEND BEFORE THE WORLD AND OUR CITIZENS THAT SOMEBODY HAD ASKED FOR THEIR INVASION, AS THEY TRIED IN THE MORNING."

"DESPITE THE FACT," DIENSTBIER CONTINUED, "THAT SOME OF OUR LEADING REPRESENTATIVES CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE REACHED, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO RPT NO CONTACT WITH COMRADES DUBCEK, SMRKOVSKY, KRIEGEL AND SPACEK AND ALSO SOME OTHERS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT REPORTS ARE COMING THAT THESE COMRADES HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED TO AN UNKNOWN PLACE, STILL IT WAS ACHIEVED TO CONVENE, DURING THE DAY, PRACTICALLY ALL SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONS OF OUR STATE."

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