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X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD SVOBODA ADDRESSES NATION (CN 373) XXX CONSEQUENCES

(HERE IS THE FULL TEXT OF HIS ADDRESS:

"DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS, I AM ADDRESSING YOU FOR THE SECOND TIME ON THIS DAY OF FATE. WE ARE EXPERIENCING EXTRAORDINARILY SERIOUS MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR NATION .

"MILITARY TROOPS OF THE SOVIET UNION, TOGETHER WITH UNITS OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLICS HAVE ENTERED THE TERRITORY OF OUR REPUBLIC.

"THIS HAPPENED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORGANS OF THE STATE, WHICH MUST, HOWEVER, TAKING AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NATIONS OF OUR FATHERLAND, SOLVE THE SITUATION ARISEN SPEEDILY, AND SECURE AN EARLY DEPARTURE OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS.

"IN THIS DIRECTION, I TOOK EFFORTS TODAY, AS THE PRESENT CONDITIONS ALLOWED ME. APART FROM OTHER THINGS, I TODAY CONVENED THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. IN THE EVENING, I NEGOTIATED WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL MOST URGENT PROBLEMS, THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL LIFE IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE ENSURANCE OF ITS INTEGRITY.

"TOMORROW, THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE, AND I BELIEVE ALSO WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OLDRICH CERNIK.

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