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X/4 C/S - DETAILS ON DUBCEK'S INTERNMENT

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD) - RADIO FREE PRAGUE TODAY CARRIED AN EYEWITNESS REPORT ON THE INTERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADERS IN THE BUILDING OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARIAT IN PRAGUE.

THE UNNAMED EYEWITNESS SAID THAT HE HIMSELF WAS INTERNED AROUND 0800 MT YESTERDAY IN THE ROOM OF ALEXANDER DUBCEK WHEN A GROUP OF 15 HIGHER OFFICERS AND SEVERAL CIVILIANS CAME TO THE SECRETARIAT BUILDING.

THE EYEWITNESS SAID THAT LATER HE FOUND OUT THAT "TWO OF THE CIVILIANS WERE CZECHS AND THAT THEY REPRESENTED SOME REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE."

ACCORDING TO THE EYEWITNESS, A TALL COLONEL ENTERED DUBCEK'S OFFICE TOGETHER WITH THE TWO CZECH CIVILIANS WHO WERE FOLLOWED BY "GUARDS, BY SOVIET SOLDIERS."

THEN DUBCEK, JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, JOSEF SPACEK AND FRANTISEK KRIEGLER WERE ESCORTED FROM THE ROOM.

"WE WHO WERE SITTING INSIDE (THE ROOM) DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN, BECAUSE WE WERE NOT RPT NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE COMRADES WHO WERE BEING TAKEN AWAY REMAINED CALM. SMRKOVSKY ASKED TO BE ALLOWED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO HIS FAMILY. "HE TOOK THREE CUBES OF SUGAR FROM THE DESK WITH THE REMARK: 'THEY MIGHT COME IN HANDY, I HAVE MY EXPERIENCE.'"

"AFTER THE FOUR WERE TAKEN AWAY, MILOS JAKES, ZDENEK MLYNAR, VACLAV SLAVIK, STEFAN SADOVSKY AND 11 OFFICIALS OF THE FIRST DEPARTMENT, COMRADE SOJAK AND OTHERS WERE STILL PRESENT. AROUND 1500 MT (YESTERDAY) BOHUMIL SIMON AND AROUND 1900 MT MILOS JAKES WERE TAKEN AWAY," THE EYEWITNESS SAID. (RADIO FREE PRAGUE DOMESTIC/M, AUG 22, 1654)

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