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MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD) - "THE FREE RADIO STATION OF PRAGUE" REPORTED TONIGHT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TODAY PROMISED ITS FIDELITY TO PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK AND THE OTHER "REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR SUPREME INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES."

THIS WAS STATED IN A LETTER, BROADCAST BY THE RADIO, WHICH WAS TODAY SENT TO SVOBODA BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

THE LETTER TO SVOBODA READ AS FOLLOWS:

"ESTEEMED AND DEAR COMRADE PRESIDENT, ABOVE ALL. WE WANT TO THANK YOU AT THIS SERIOUS MOMENT OF OUR HISTORY FOR YOUR PERSISTENT DEVOTION TO AND ADMINISTRATION OF OUR COUNTRY."

"(WE WANT TO) THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEFENDING SO STRONGLY THE LONGINGS OF OUR PEOPLE FOR SOCIALISM WITH A HUMAN FACE."

"(LONGING) FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE, WE AGAIN ASSURE YOU, AS THE MEMBERS OF OUR PRESIDUM HAVE ALREADY MANY TIMES, NOT ONLY ON OUR BEHALF. BUT ON THE BEHALF OF ALL THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE, OF OUR DEVOTION AND ALSO OUR FIRM WILL TO CONTINUE, UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RESPECT OF THE REPUBLIC'S CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND RIGHTS."

"WE PROMISE THAT WE WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL TO OUR LEGAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY GRADUATE ENGINEER OLDRICH CERNIK, OUR CHAIRMAN COMRADE JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FRONT DR. KRIEDEL, THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALEXANDER DUBCEK, AND TO THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR SUPREME INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES."

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