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C/S -- 4TH ADD HAJEK TO ADDRESS (CN 45) XXX SAID

"DUBCEK, KRIEGEL, PACEK, SMRKOVSKY CONTINUE TO BE INTERNED, PRESIDENT SVOBODA SURROUNDED IN THE CASTLE. DESTINIES OF MINISTER PAVEL, PRIME MINISTER CERNIK AND OTHER MINISTERS UNKNOWN," MUZIK SAID.

"YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) 17 MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT MET UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MACHASOVA-DOSTALOVA. THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED AN APPEAL TO THE NATION AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE INTERNED FUNCTIONARIES BE RELEASED, THAT THE OCCUPATION ARMIES BE WITHDRAWN AND THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS BE ENABLED..."

MUZIK SAID: "IN SPITE OF OUR EFFORTS, WE HAVE NOT SO FAR SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING ANY OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OCCUPATION ARMIES..."

"IN SPITE OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED SITUATION, IT SEEMS THAT THE OCCUPATION FORCES HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED TO IMPOSE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE REPRESENTATIVES WHOM IT DID NOT ELECT," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE THAT LAST NIGHT A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA MET IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FULLY SUPPORTED THE POSITION OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF 21 AUGUST...AND DECIDED TO STAY IN MEETING UNINTERRUPTEDLY," HE SAID.

MUZIK THEN READ TO THE COUNCIL THE MESSAGE WARNING OF A GENERAL STRIKE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FRIDAY.

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