

C/S -- NEW PARTY LEADERSHIP (0545 INTRO)

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CNR)-- OCCUPIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD A NEW PARTY LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING WITH SOVIET-HELD ALEXANDER DUBCEK REMAINING IN HIS FIRST PARTY SECRETARY POST.

A STATION CALLING ITSELF "RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE" SAID THIS MORNING THAT THE NEWLY-ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD CHOSEN A 28-MAN PRESIDUM. CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY VJENKA SILHAN WOULD RUN THE PRESIDUM DURING DUBCEK'S "ABSENCE", THE RADIO SAID.

AN EARLIER BROADCAST SAID THAT YESTERDAY'S HASTILY CONVENED 14TH CZECHOSLOVAK CP CONGRESS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1,000 DELEGATES HAD ELECTED 150 MEMBERS TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE AUDITING COMMISSION.

THE CONGRESS ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL INTERNED NATIONAL LEADERS AND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES.

THE RADIO SAID THAT ANOTHER MEETING YESTERDAY, OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PROMISED IN A LETTER FIDELITY TO PRESIDENT SVOBODA, DUBCEK, AND PREMIER CERNIK.

IN ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT THE RADIO BROADCAST WHAT IT TERMED AN AUTHORIZED STATEMENT THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT SVOBODA WOULD ONLY RECOGNIZE A GOVERNMENT UNDER PREMIER CERNIK.

THE RADIO SAID THAT "THOSE WHO AT THIS TIME HAVE DISCREDITED THEMSELVES" HAD NOT BEEN REELECTED.

AS CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWOKE TO A THIRD DAY OF WARSAW PACT FORCES OCCUPATION THERE WERE REPORTS FROM "RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE" THAT CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET STATE SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE ARRESTED SOME MEMBERS OF CZECHOSLOVAK STATE SECURITY. THE RADIO SAID A LIST OF PERSONS TO BE ARRESTED HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH SOVIET OFFICIAL.

WESTERN REPORTS FROM PRAGUE SAY THAT POSTERS HAVE APPEARED ALL OVER THE CITY URGING KEY OFFICIALS IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO RETURN TO WORK.

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