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X/4 C/S - RADIO FREE PRAGUE WELCOMES TALKS BUT (W/CN - 95)

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD) - A BROADCAST BY RADIO FREE PRAGUE TODAY WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA IS TO HAVE TALKS WITH HIGH SOVIET OFFICIALS, BUT URGED THAT THE TALKS BE ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE RADIO'S COMMENTARY:

"DEAR FRIENDS! THE PRESIDENT, LUDVIK SVOBODA, HAS JUST ISSUED AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATING THAT THE OCCUPATION POWERS HAVE ACHIEVED THE FIRST DEFINITE SUCCESS OF A DIPLOMATIC-POLITICAL NATURE. THIS SUCCESS DOES NOT LIE IN THE FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE. THIS IS WHAT ALL PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY WANT. THE ISSUE IS THAT THE DELEGATION INCLUDES ALSO PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH OUR HIGHEST CONSTITUTIONAL AND PARTY ORGANS, MESSRS. INDRA, BILAK AND PILLER. FRIENDS! DO WE WANT NEGOTIATIONS? YES. BUT WE WANT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION ARMIES AND NEGOTIATIONS BY SUCH REPRESENTATIVES WHO GENUINELY REPRESENT US.

"HERE IS ONE MORE, IF YOU WILL, COMMENTARY OR VIEW. IT IS EXPRESSED BY THE COMRADE WHO TRANSMITTED YOU THE SOUND FROM THE (PARTY) CONGRESS.

"CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC! YOU HAVE HEARD THE SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. THE DELEGATION WHICH WILL NEGOTIATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR PEOPLES, WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE IN OUR BEHALF. LET US SUPPORT NEGOTIATIONS -- NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WILL EXPRESS THE WILL OF ALL OF US, OUR HOPE, OUR UNITED DETERMINATION. OUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE BOUND BY DULY ELECTED, CONSTITUTIONAL AS WELL AS PARTY ORGANS, WHICH IN THE LAST FEW HOURS HAVE GIVEN EXPRESSION TO THE UNANIMOUS WILL OF THE CITIZENS. LET US NOT BE AFRAID OF THE PARTICIPATION OF INDRA, BILAK AND PILLER. LET US SUPPORT BY ALL MEANS THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. LET US DEMAND STRONGLY THE RELEASE OF COMRADE DUBCEK AND ALL OTHER DETAINED POLITICIANS. LET US DEMAND THAT COMRADE DUBCEK BE INCLUDED IN THE DELEGATION!

"CITIZENS! WRITE RESOLUTIONS! SEND THEM TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. WE ARE STRONG. IT IS THE STRENGTH OF OUR TRUTH ON WHICH OUR RIGHT IS BASED. WE ARE FREE. NEGOTIATIONS MUST REFLECT THE WILL OF THE NATIONS OF THIS COUNTRY."

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