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X/4 CS - BROADCAST ASKS BACKING FOR SVOBODA (W/CN - 95)

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD) - A CZECHOSLOVAK BROADCAST TODAY ASKED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO "TRUST" THE DELEGATION HEADED BY PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA WHICH WILL MEET WITH SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW.

THE BROADCAST, AT 0952 MT BY A STATION AT 9505 AND 1520 KCS, FOLLOWED SVOBODA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS INTENTION TO GO TO MOSCOW. HE ARRIVED IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL THIS AFTERNOON.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK BROADCAST SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION "CONTAINS PEOPLE OUR PEOPLE TRUST, PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE ON OUR BEHALF."

THE TEXT OF THE COMMENTARY, READ BY AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER, SAID:

"CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC. YOU HAVE HEARD THE SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. THE DELEGATION THAT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION CONTAINS PEOPLE OUR PEOPLE TRUST, PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE ON OUR BEHALF. LET'S SUPPORT THE TALKS, THE TALKS THAT WILL EXPRESS THE WILL OF US ALL, OUR HOPES, OUR UNITED RESOLVE."

"OUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE BOUND BY IMPORTANT ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL AND PARTY ORGANS, SUCH ORGANS WHICH IN THE LAST FEW HOURS HAVE EXPRESSED THE UNANIMOUS WILL OF THE PEOPLE. LET US NOT BE AFRAID OF THE PARTICIPATION OF INDRA, BILAK, AND PILLER. BY ALL MEANS LET US SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. LET US RESOLUTELY DEMAND THE FREEING OF COMRADE DUBCEK AND THE OTHER DETAINED POLITICIANS. LET US DEMAND THAT COMRADE DUBCEK IS INCLUDED IN THE DELEGATION."

"CITIZENS, RITE RESOLUTIONS, SEND THEM TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, (WORDS INDISTINCT). WE HAVE FULL RIGHTS, WE ARE FREE; THE TALKS CAN BE ONLY THE EXPRESSIONS OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY." (END TEXT) EH/MA/BG/HE 17