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X/4 C/S - GOVERNMENT MEETING IN SURROUNDED BUILDING

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD) - THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT MET LAST NIGHT WITHOUT ITS INTERNED PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION, RADIO FREE PRAGUE SAID TODAY.

THE RADIO SAID THE GOVERNMENT MET IN DIFFICULT CONDITIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURROUNDED AND WITH INSUFFICIENT CONNECTIONS AND TECHNICAL MEANS.

THE GOVERNMENT MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY DEPUTY PREMIER LUBOMIR STROUGAL WITH 22 MINISTERS PARTICIPATING.

THE GOVERNMENT DEALT WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION, "PARTICULARLY WITH THE QUESTION ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT RIGHTS OF CITIZENS," THE RADIO SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA "WHO STRESSED THAT THE CONDITION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE NORMAL ACTIVITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND NORMALIZATION OF THE ACTIVITY IN OUR COUNTRY IS THE RELEASE OF ALL INTERNED OFFICIALS," IT SAID.

THE RADIO QUOTED SVOBODA AS HAVING ANNOUNCED THAT HE USED IN PRAGUE ALL MEANS TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, BUT DID NOT RPT NOT SUCCEED. THEREFORE SVOBODA LEFT FOR MOSCOW TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY THERE, AND ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO NOMINATE MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP.

THE GOVERNMENT NOMINATED DEPUTY PREMIER GUSTAV HUSAK AND DEFENCE MINISTER MARTIN DZUR AND TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE NATIONAL FRONT LEADERSHIP HAD NOMINATED JUSTICE MINISTER BOHUSLAV KUCERA.

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