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X/4 C/S -- MESSAGE OF WRITERS UNION BROADCAST

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CMD) -- RADIO FREE PRAGUE TODAY BROADCAST A MESSAGE OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS CALLING FOR DIGNITY IN THE FACE OF THREATS COMING FROM THE "ENEMY", AND WARNING AGAINST PROVOCATIONS.

THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE READS AS FOLLOWS:

"COMRADES: DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW CITIZENS: MEMBERS OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS AND EMPLOYEES OF ITS APPARATUS, PARTY AND NONPARTY PEOPLE, ADDRESS YOU AT THIS GRAVE TIME.

"WE DO NOT WANT TO TEACH ANYBODY, BUT ONLY TOGETHER WITH YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT WHICH AWAITS YOU. TODAY IS THE THIRD DAY OF THE OCCUPATION. A VERY COMPLICATED TOMORROW, FULL OF SACRIFICES, IS WAITING FOR US.

"LET US BE PREPARED TO BEAR THE THREAT OF DANGER IN A DIGNIFIED WAY AS FREE PEOPLE, AS THINKING PEOPLE. THE ENEMY WANTS TO FORCE US DOWN, TO ABUSE US. LET US BE DELIBERATE. LET NOBODY AMONG US YIELD AND SERVE THE OCCUPIERS. HELP GOOD PATRIOTS, HUMILIATE TRAITORS, BUT CAUTION NOT TO PLACE THE ODIUM OF TRAITOR ON A HONEST MAN.

"LET NOBODY SUFFER BY OUR OWN GUILT. WE SHALL WORK FURTHER. WE SHALL MAKE EFFORTS THAT YOU MAY HEAR US, THAT YOU ALL MIGHT SEE THAT WE ARE HERE, THAT WE ARE WITH YOU, THAT WE SHARE THE SAME FATE WITH YOU.

"WE WILL HELP YOU ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE, IN ANY WAY. AND WE WILL FIND WAYS FOR THAT. WE HAVE LIVED THROUGH OCCUPATIONS AS AN HONEST NATION. WE HAVE LIVED THROUGH THE SLOVAK STATE, AS HONEST PEOPLE. THERE ARE SUCH PEOPLE AMONG US, ARTISTS, WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER WITH GENERAL SVOBODA.

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