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C/S - PRAVDA ARTICLE WARNS OF PUNISHMENT (RELEADS CN 95)

MOSCOW, AUG 24 (REUTER) - PRAVDA, THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER, TODAY WARNED THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO CONVENED THE SECRET PARTY CONGRESS THAT THEY FACED PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES."

IT DID SO IN A LONG ARTICLE ELABORATING ON THE TASS ATTACK ON THE CONGRESS, WHICH ELECTED A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO STAND IN FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF ARRESTED ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

PRAVDA SAID CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS DEVOTED TO THE IDEAS OF SOCIALISM WOULD NOT ALLOW "MURKY PERSONALITIES" TO "GRAB THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND DO WHAT THEY LIKE."

"THEIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, EVEN WITHOUT THIS, HAS GONE UNPUNISHED FOR TOO LONG," IT ADDED.

THE PRAVDA ARTICLE PRAISED BY NAME TWO MEMBERS OF MR. DUBCEK'S FORMER 11-MAN PRESIDUM WHOM IT SAID HAD REMAINED "TRUE TO LENINISM."

ONE OF THEM, MR. VASIL BILAK, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SLOVAK PARTY, IS A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION WHICH PRESIDENT SVOBODA LED TO MOSCOW.

THE SECOND MAN NAMED WAS MR. OLDRICH SVESTKA, EDITOR OF THE PARTY NEWSPAPER RUDE PRAVO.

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