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C/S -- 2D ADD HAJEK (CN 246) XXX SAID

UNTIL THE OCCUPATION, HAJEK SAID, THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT FULLY CONTROLLED ITS TERRITORY AND THE ORGANISATIONS OF PEOPLES POWER WERE FUNCTIONING.

HE SAID THAT LAST JANUARY THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT BEGAN ON A COURSE OF REGENERATION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVE OF THE PEOPLE, GUIDED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY, "AND WE RESISTED ANY EXTREMIST FORCES."

UNDER ALEXANDER DUBCEK'S LEADERSHIP THE PARTY "HAS GAINED AUTHORITY AS HARDLY EVER BEFORE," HAJEK SAID.

POSITIVE PHENOMENA IN THE COUNTRY "MADE ENTIRELY SECONDARY THE NEGATIVE PHENOMENA WHICH DISTURBED US AND OUR FRIENDS ABROAD," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUS OF THEIR EXISTENCE AND WE DID NOT UNDERESTIMATE THEM," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CHOSEN TO COMBAT THEM IN DEMOCRATIC WAYS.

"IN RECENT DAYS THE CORRECTNESS OF OUR METHODS STARTED TO BEAR FRUIT."

HE SAID SOME OF THE DELEGATES AT THE COUNCIL WHO HAD TRIED TO JUSTIFY THE INVASION PRESENTED "THESE PHENOMENA IN A DISTORTED WAY."

HE CITED THE SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF PRESIDENT TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA AND PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU OF ROMANIA. "THEY CONVINCED THEMSELVES JUST RECENTLY ABOUT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," HE SAID.

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