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X/4 C/S - SVOBODA MESSAGE SAYS DUBCEK, CERNIK TAKING PART IN TALKS
(ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CMD)-- A MESSAGE ADDRESSED THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT BY PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA TONIGHT SAID THAT PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY HAD JOINED HIS DELEGATION IN TALKS WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT WAS READ OVER RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE STATION ALSO QUOTED THE SVOBODA MESSAGE AS SAYING THAT THE TALKS IN MOSCOW WERE BEING HELD OVER FOR CONTINUATION TOMORROW BECAUSE OF THE ADDITION OF DUBCEK, CERNIK AND SMRKOVSKY TO THE GROUP.
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