

X/4 CURT - 1ST ADD - SLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE POSTPONES (CN 124)

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"4) WE SUPPORT THE RESULT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY 14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND AGREE WITH THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THIS CONGRESS.

ZKACCORDING TO TASS ON AUGUST 24 MOSCOW PRAVDA DESCRIBED THE 14TH CONGRESS AS ILLEGAL BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS "... THERE WERE NO DELEGATES FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVAKIA." PRAVDA SAID THE "CONVOCAATION OF A CLANDESTINE GATHERING WHICH ILLEGALLY ASSUMED THE NAME OF A CONGRESS IS A DIRECT ATTEMPT ON THE PARTY." PRAVDA ADDED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO CONVENED THE CONGRESS FACED PUNISHMENT FOR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES." -- CMD/EERA.)

"5) THE PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE SITUATION REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE CONVOCAATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY. HOWEVER, EXPRESSING ITS FIRM ATTITUDE FOR COMRADE DUBCEK, FOR HIS PARTY LEADERSHIP, FOR COMRADES (PRESIDENT LUDVIK) SVOBODA AND (PREMIER OLDRICH) CERNIK, IT DECIDED THAT ON THEIR REQUEST IT WILL POSTPONE THE CONGRESS OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY FROM AUGUST 26, 1968, (AND) SET THE DATE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF OUR DELEGATION FROM MOSCOW AND PERSONALLY AFTER AGREEMENT WITH COMRADE DUBCEK.

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