

CS - 1ST ADD 1900 INTRO - CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION (CN-164) XXX ADDED

IN BRATISLAVA, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY MET AND DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE PARTY'S EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECISION, REPORTED BY RADIO ON THE DANUBE, EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DECISIONS OF THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY, HELD EARLIER THIS WEEK. SOVIET NEWS MEDIA HAD EARLIER DESCRIBED THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS AS ILLEGAL, CLAIMING THERE WERE NO DELEGATES FROM SLOVAKIA.

THE SLOVAK PARTY ALSO DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS AND THE FREEING OF CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

IN OTHER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, RADIO FREE CENTRAL BOHEMIA REPORTED THAT MARTIN VACULIK HAD BECOME THE NEW HEAD OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

RADIO FREE CESKE BUDOVICE MEANWHILE CARRIED AN APPEAL BY THE DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE ASKING ALL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES TO OF THE WORLD SUPPORT THE CONVENING OF A COMMUNIST CONFERENCE.

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