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BELGRADE, AUG 25 (CMD)- A MEMBER OF THE "MAIN BOARD" OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NATIONAL FRONT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF ITS SOCIALIST PARTY, KAREL LEBL, TODAY JOINED HIS COUNTRY'S MINISTERS IN BELGRADE.

TANJUG SAID THE SOCIALIST PARTY OFFICIAL HAD VOICED HIS SUPPORT OF "ALL THE STATEMENTS" WHICH THE BELGRADE GROUP OF MINISTERS HAD ISSUED IN "CONDEMNING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

LEBL WAS ALSO SAID BY TANJUG TO HAVE "DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MAIN BOARD OF THE NATIONAL FRONT, FRANTISEK KRIEGL, WHO IS STILL IN INTERNMENT WITH OTHER LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK POLITICIANS."

LEBL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT KRIEGL'S RELEASE WAS NECESSARY AS HE "HAD TO TAKE PART IN THE MOSCOW TALKS AND (AS HE HAD) TO CONVENE THE SESSION OF THE MAIN BOARD OF THE FRONT."

(TANJUG, AUG 25)

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