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C/S -- 2D ADD NEW DELEGATION (CN 151) XXX WORSE

THE LETTER ... (SAYS) THAT CALM IS BEING MAINTAINED ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY.

CITIZENS ARE BEING ARRESTED THERE IS UNJUSTIFIED SHOOTING AND PROVOCATION.

THE ECONOMY IS SERIOUSLY THREATENED.

TRANSPORT IS IRREGULAR. ALL THIS SHOWS THAT IT IS UNWISE TO PROLONG THE MOSCOW TALKS.

THE LETTER TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION TO MOSCOW ALSO SPEAKS ABOUT THE NEGATIVE STAND SHOWN IN THE WORLD TOWARDS THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ABOUT THE SYMPATHY TOWARDS THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE. IT ALSO STATES THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION IS RECEIVING IN MOSCOW IS BIASED AND INCOMPLETE.

IT SUGGESTS THAT A DELEGATION CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEAVE FOR MOSCOW TO INFORM THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SITUATION OR THAT THE TALKS SHOULD BE INTERRUPTED TO ENABLE THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES TO RETURN TO PRAGUE.

HERE ANOTHER VOICE SPEAKS: "AS A CASE IN POINT WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT IN (INTELLIGIBLE) STREET IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY WHICH IS OCCUPIED, THE SOVIET SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN FORCING CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS AT GUNPOINT TO HAND THEM FLOWERS AS THEY ARE SITTING ON THEIR TANKS. THE SOLDIERS ARE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS FARCE."

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