

X/4 C/S - 2ND ADD - SMRKOVSKY SAYS (CN - 82) X X X AT

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE INTERVIEW WITH SMRKOVSKY:

"WE ARE INTERRUPTING THE PREPARED NEWSCAST; WE HAVE HERE A RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, JOSEF SMRKOVSKY:

Q. COMRADE SMRKOVSKY, WE ARE TERRIBLY GLAD THAT YOU ARE AMONG US. WE ARE REALLY AWFULLY GLAD, BUT I THINK THAT OUR ENTIRE NATIONS ARE WAITING FOR YOUR WORDS. WOULD YOU KINDLY GIVE US A FEW SENTENCES."

A. "IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SPEAK - (PAUSE). I WANT TO, BY MEANS OF THE RADIO NOW BEFORE OUR NATION AND OUR PARTY."

Q. "AND NOW A QUESTION COMING TO THE ISSUE - WHICH COMRADES HAVE RETURNED, AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"

Q. "WHICH COMRADES HAVE RETURNED WITH YOU, COMRADE SMRKOVSKY. AND WHAT ARE YOU NOW DOING?"

A. "ALL OF US HAVE RETURNED."

Q. "THAT MEANS?"

A. "ALL WHO WERE THERE"

Q. "YES, AND COMRADE KRIEGL, IS HE AMONG YOU?"

A. "YES, HE IS ALSO AMONG US, ALSO."

EARLIER IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THOSE WHO HAD RETURNED FROM MOSCOW WERE PRESIDENT SVOBODA, DUBCEK, SMRKOVSKY, CERNIK, KRIEGL, SPACEK AND SIMON.

Q. "WHAT ARE YOU NOW DOING, COMRADE SMRKOVSKY?"

A. "WELL, SOME SLEEP, BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT YET NOT SLEPT FOR TWO NIGHTS, AND OTHERS ARE WORKING, WE HAVE A LOT AHEAD STILL TODAY."

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