

X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD - SLOVAK PARTY (CN - 132) X X X COMMISSIONS

RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN A SLOVAK-LANGUAGE BROADCAST, SAID THE SLOVAK CONGRESS "CONFIRMED THE RESULTS" OF THE EXTRAORDINARY 14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY" HELD AS WARSAW PACT TROOPS OCCUPIED THE COUNTRY.

"IN OTHER WORDS," THE BROADCAST SAID, "IT (THE SLOVAK CONGRESS) DISPROVES MOSCOW'S ARGUMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EXTRAORDINARY CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS VALID IN VIEW OF THE INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES FROM SLOVAKIA."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RADIO SAID, THE CREDENTIALS COMMISSION HAS "CONFIRMED THE VALIDITY" OF THE SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS.

THE BROADCAST SAID:

NOW, DEAR FRIENDS, A FEW NOTES BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE FIRST DAY OF THE (SLOVAK -- ED) CONGRESS. THE DELAY ATTENDING THE RETURN OF OUR DELEGATES FROM MOSCOW IS LARGELY -- AND NOW WE CAN SAY WAS LARGELY -- RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFORTS TO POSTPONE THE MEETING OF THE SUPREME COMMUNIST DELIBERATIVE ORGAN IN SLOVAKIA. HOWEVER, THE CONGRESS BEGAN IN GOOD TIME AND CONFIRMED THE RESULTS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 14TH FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN OTHER WORDS, IT DISPROVES MOSCOW'S ARGUMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EXTRAORDINARY CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS VALID IN VIEW OF THE INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES FROM SLOVAKIA. THE SLOVAK CONGRESS HAS, HOWEVER, CONFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS. SIMILARLY, THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMISSION HAS CONFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF THE SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS.

WHEN WE HASTILY RETURNED TO THE CONGRESS VENUE -- OUR CORRESPONDENTS' REPORT GOES ON TODAY -- IN THE CAB OF A (WORD INDISTINCT) LOCOMOTIVE WITH THE DRIVER, WE WENT WITH MIXED FEELINGS. IN TODAY'S SITUATION THERE WAS NO TELLING WHAT FATE MIGHT LAY IN WAIT FOR US, AND WHERE. WE KNOW THAT THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ARMED FORCES OF THE OCCUPIERS WERE FIRING AT ANY VEHICLE THEY SUSPECTED OF CARRYING CONGRESS DELEGATES. IT BECAME CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVAKIA, LOYAL TO DUBCEK'S LEADERSHIP, IS CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING EVEN IN SUCH EXCEPTIONALLY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

A TRULY HISTORIC CONGRESS HAS STARTED. DESPITE THE PRESSURE EXERCISED BY THE TANKS AND DIRECT THREATS OF THE OCCUPATION ARMIES, IT HAS FEARLESSLY PUT ON RECORD ITS STAND ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHT OF SMALL NATIONS TO BE INDEPENDENT. (RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN SLOVAK, AUG 27, 0919 MT)

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