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C/S - SVOBODA SPEAKS

MUNICH, AUG 27 (CMD) - PRESIDENT SVOBODA TOLD HIS PEOPLE IN A RADIO BROADCAST TODAY THAT HE HAD RETURNED FROM MOSCOW WITH THE MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION, WHO HAD RESUMED THE FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THEY WERE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF NORMALIZATION OF LIFE IN OUR COUNTRY, HE SAID.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE OCCUPYING FORCES. UNTIL THAT TIME, THEIR PRESENCE IS A "POLITICAL REALITY."

HE THANKED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT FULL CONFIDENCE. "THIS IS A GREAT CAPITAL," HE SAID.

"WE COUNT ON YOU TO SAFEGUARD THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY."

HE REFERRED TO THE JANUARY PLENUM AND SAID THE PARTY WANTED TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIALISM WITH A HUMANISTIC CHARACTER, AS OUTLINED IN THE PARTY PROGRAM.

"WE WILL NEVER RETREAT A SINGLE INCH FROM THESE INTENTIONS."

HE PLEDGED THAT THE PARTY'S AIMS SHOULD ALSO NOT BE USED BY THOSE TO WHOM SOCIALISM WAS ALIEN.

"I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE IN YOUR PRESENT ATTITUDE OF CONFIDENCE," HE SAID.

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