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X/4 C/S-- PRAGUE JOURNALISTS APPEAL FOR CALM

MUNICH, AUG 27 (CMD)-- THE JOURNALISTS OF PRAGUE TODAY APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN CALM IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

RADIO PRAGUE CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ABOUT THE APPEAL (TEXT):

"PROCLAMATION OF PRAGUE JOURNALISTS:

"PRAGUE JOURNALISTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF PRAGUE PERIODICALS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, WHO MET AT A PRESS CONSULTATION, HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE COMSCOW COMMUNIQUE, WITH THE SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT, AND HAVE HEARD WITH EMOTION THE RADIO ADDRESS BY COMRADE ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

"WE UNDERSTOOD WELL WHAT HE SAID, AS WELL AS WHAT HE LEFT UNSAID OR WHAT HE COULD NOT SAY. OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, WE FEEL AND THINK LIKE YOU ALL AT THIS MOMENT. WE THINK AS WE DID UP TO NOW. BECAUSE WE ARE AWARE OF THE FULL SERIOUSNESS OF THE MOMENT WE THINK THAT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY THAN TO ACT ONLY AFTER A COOL-HEADED ASSESSMENT OF THIS SITUATION AND NOT RPT NOT TO ALLOW OURSELVES AT THIS MOMENT TO BE MOVED BY FEELINGS ALONE.

"OUR SUPREME CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL ORGANS ARE NOW IN SESSION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE THING WOULD BE TO SEND YOUR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO THESE ORGANS.

"WE APPEAL TO YOU, IN THE AWARENESS OF ALL THAT IS KNOWN TO US, TO MAINTAIN CIRCUMSPECTION, DIGNITY AND COOL-HEADEDNESS, TONIGHT IN PARTICULAR, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TOGETHER TO HOLD OUT THROUGH THESE MOST DIFFICULT HOURS.

"WE ARE WITH YOU, BE WITH US."

(SIGNED) "EDITORIAL OFFICES OF PRAGUE PERIODICALS, RADIO AND TELEVISION.

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, PRAGUE/M, AUG 27, 1936)

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