

C/S - 2ND ADD - CABINET MEETING (CN 96) XXX CZECHOSLOVAKIA

"YESTERDAY EVENING A DECLARATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ELECTED AT THAT EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND I QUOTE IT IN FULL:

"OUR LEADERSHIP RECEIVES WITH BITTERNESS AND WITH A FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT THE COMMUNIQUE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN MOSCOW. WE SHARE THESE FEELINGS AND FULLY REALISE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION. WE ARE RETREATING IN THE FACE OF BIGGER FORCE BUT WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP OUR DEMANDS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM.

"WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULT SITUATION IN WHICH COMRADE DUBCEK AND THE OTHER COMRADES WERE FORCED TO WORK IN MOSCOW SEPARATED FROM US FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

"COMRADES, BROTHERS, FRIENDS, DO NOT DESPAIR. OUR DAYS ARE NOT OVER, SOCIALISM WITH A HUMANE IMAGE STILL REMAINS THE AIM OF OUR PEOPLE.

"OUR LEGAL GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE OVERTHROWN.

"OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM COULD NOT BE CHANGED.

"THE OCCUPATION OF OUR COUNTRY WILL NOT LAST.

"YOUR HEROIC STAND DURING THESE SEVEN DAYS HAS SAVED MUCH FOR THE FUTURE. WE CALL ON YOU IN THE NAME OF THE UNITY WHICH WAS OURS IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS TO MAINTAIN YOUR CALM, YOUR PRIDE AND YOUR PRUDENCE.

"PARLIAMENT WILL ALSO CONVENE TODAY UNDER ITS PRESIDENT, MR. SMRKOVSKY. BOTH HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER MR CERNIK ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TO THE NATION IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY AND A NUMBER OF PRESS CONFERENCES ARE PLANNED OF WHICH RADIO PRAGUE'S BROADCASTS WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

"ALL OVER CZECHOSLOVAKIA REACTIONS ARE POURING IN FROM LOCAL PARTY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, REACTIONS TO YESTERDAYS SPEECHES BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND LUDVIK SVOBODA AND TO THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTING THE TERMS OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT.