

CN 96 (ATtribution REQUIRED)

C/S - 1ST ADD CABINET MEETING IN PRAGUE (CN 88) XXX DETAILS

THE FULL TEXT OF THE BROADCAST SAID: "AT THIS HOUR, OR ABOUT TEN MINUTES AGO, THE CABINET OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA MET UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ITS PRIME MINISTER OLDRICH CERNIK.

"HE RETURNED FROM MOSCOW YESTERDAY TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENT LUDWIG SVOBODA, PARTY SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND OTHER LEADERS WHO WERE NEGOTIATING THIS PAST WEEK WITH THE SOVIET POLITBURO.

"THIS MORNING'S CABINET MEETING IS TO NAME A GOVERNMENT COMMISSION WHICH WILL SPEALL OUT THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ACCORDS REACHED IN MOSCOW.

"THE MINISTERIAL SESSION WILL ALSO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE CONTINUED PRESENCE ABROAD OF SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS, NOTABLY FOREIGN MINISTER HAJEK, DEPUTY PREMIER OTTA SIK AND OTHERS WHO WERE OUTSIDE THIS COUNTRY WHEN THE WARSAW PACT MILITARY INTERVENTION TOOK PLACE ONE WEEK AGO TODAY.

"ONE VITAL TOPIC ON THIS MORNINGS GOVERNMENT AGENDA IS THE CURTAILMENT OF FREEDOM OF COMMUNICATIONS AT WHICH MR DUBCEK MORE THAN HINTED IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE NATION YESTERDAY EVENING.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CABINET HAS INVITED THE DIRECTOR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO ZDENEK HEJZLAR THE HEAD OF CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION MR JIRI PELIKAN AND THE MANAGER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY MR MIROSLAV SULER TO ATTEND THIS MORNINGS SESSION.

"STAFF MEMBERS OF THE NEWSAGENCIES IT WAS LEARNED TODAY, HAVE DEMANDED THAT MR SULEK BE DISMISSED FROM HIS POST BECAUS DURING THE PAST WEEK HE DID NOT ACT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE POLICY OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY.

ANOTHER KEY MEETING BEGINS AT TEN O CLOCK THIS MORNING. THIS IS A PLENARY SESSION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THIS BODY WAS NAMED AT THE EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PARTY WHICH WAS CONVENED LAST WEEK IN CLANDESTINE CONDITIONS ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

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