

X/S -3RD ADD CABINET MEETING (CN 97) XXX AGREEMENT

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY BRANCH OF THE STAFF OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES TELEPHONED IN ITS OPINION A FEW MINUTES AGO THAT MR DUBCEK'S REMARKS YESTERDAY REFLECTED THE ABNORMAL CONDITIONS TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY SUBJECTED FOR THESE PAST SEVENDAYS SINCE THE FOREIGN ARMIES ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE AIRLINES PARTY BRANCH RESOLUTION STATES AND I QUOTE' WE REALIZE THAT HE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES -- USELESS BLOODSHED OR CONCESSIONS TO THOSE WITH THE OVERWHELMING MILITARY POWER.

"THE AIRLINES COMMUNIST PERSONNEL EXPRESSED THEIR FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT FOR PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK WHILE CONTINUING TO INSIST ON THE TOTAL AND IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THIS COUNTRY.

"REPRESENTATIVES OF PRAGUE NEWSPAPERS RADIO AND TELEVISION GATHERED LAST NIGHT IN PRAGUE AFTER HEARING THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW AND THE SPEECHES OF PRESIDENT SVOBODA ALEXANDER DUBCEK AGREED ON A COMMON STAND.

"THEY STRESSED THEY REMAINED OF THE SAME OPINION AS THE OTHER CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC. BECAUSE AS JOURNALISTS THEY REALIZED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION, THEY THINK THAT THERE IS NO OTHER POSSIBILITY THAN TO ACT ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A COOL-HEADED EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION AND NOT BE CARRIED AWAY BY EMOTIONS.

"THE SUPREME CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL BODIES OF THE STATE ARE NOW DISCUSSING THE SITUATION. THE PRAGUE JOURNALISTS THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR CITIZENS AND ORGANISATIONS TO SEND THEIR POINT OF VIEW DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT BODIES.

"THE JOURNALISTS ALSO CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO KEEP CALM AND COOL-HEADED THOUGH DIGNIFIED."