

C/S - 1ST ADD - GOVERNMENT, CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CN 115) XXX PARTY

"IN THIS CONTEXT IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT TODAY'S SOVIET NEWSPAPERS ONCE AGAIN REFER TO MR DUBCEK BY HIS TITLE OF FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

"IT WOULD THUS APPEAR THAT THE SEVERE CRITICISM LEVELLED AT MR DUBCEK LAST WEEK ARE NOW NO LONGER IN FORCE.

"FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S REPORTS TO THE NATION BY PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND MR DUBCEK THE PRIME MINISTER MR CERNIK AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MR SMRKOVSKY ARE TO SPEAK TO THE COUNTRY TODAY.

"THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MR HUSAK ADDRESSING THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS IN BRATISLAVA LAST NIGHT DESCRIBED THE OUTCOME OF THE MOSCOW TALKS AS AN HONORABLE AGREEMENT.

"HE STRESSED THE FACT THAT LEGALLY ELECTED CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS REMAIN AT THEIR POSTS, THAT THE AGREEMENT ENVISAGED THE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN PLACES WHERE THERE ARE NO INCIDENTS AND WHERE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES ARE CAPABLE OF RESTORING LAW AND ORDER, THAT COULD BE A MATTER OF ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS.

"DR. HUSAK SAID THAT THE BASIC POLITICAL LINE STARTED IN JANUARY WOULD BE MAINTAINED. NOBODY WAS TRYING TO FORCE NOVOTNY OR PRE-JANUARY CONDITIONS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"THE PEOPLES NATIONAL FEELINGS WERE HURT, SAID DR. HUSAK, BUT THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT MUST FIND A WAY OUT WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

"CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE STRESSED, WAS SITUATED IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND THERE WAS NOTHING TO CHANGE THE SITUATION IN THIS AREA."

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