

X/4 C/S -- BULGARIAN PRAISE FOR SVOBODA'S SPEECH

MUNICH, AUG 28 (CMD) -- RADIO SOFIA TODAY BROADCAST A BTA DISPATCH SAYING THE SPEECH BY CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA YESTERDAY SHOWED A FAILURE OF THE IMPERIALIST PLANS TO TEAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA OUT OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP.

DESCRIBING THE SITUATION IN PRAGUE AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE, THE DISPATCH SAID BULGARIAN SOLDIERS ARE IN CHARGE OF PROTECTING PRAGUE AIRPORT.

"TENSION WAS INTENSIFIED BY RADIO BROADCASTS, WHICH - ALTHOUGH IN THE AFTERNOON THEY RESTRICTED THEMSELVES TO MUSIC AND BRIEF REPORTS ALONE - LAUNCHED SOME SENTENCES WHICH CONTAINED MISTRUST FOR THE RESULTS OF THE MOSCOW TALKS.

HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE SAID THAT THE TONE OF BROADCASTS RADICALLY DIFFERS FROM THEIR TONE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS," THE BTA DISPATCH SAID ACCORDING TO RADIO SOFIA.

THE DISPATCH ALSO SAID THE PRESIDENT SVOBODA'S SPEECH YESTERDAY WAS "CALM, WISE, AND IN AN AUTHORITATIVE TONE."

"... THAT STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT CAN NOT RPT NOT BE APPRAISED OTHERWISE BUT AS A FAILURE OF THE PLANS OF IMPERIALISTS TO TEAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA OUT OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP UNDER THE DEMAGOGIC SLOGAN ABOUT NEUTRALITY RAISED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BY THE ILLEGAL RADIO STATIONS AND TAKEN OVER AS AN ACTION FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY BY CERTAIN SMALL GROUPS. CONSISTENTLY, THE MAIN AIM OF THE PLOT OF THE IMPERIALISTS ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ACHIEVED," THE DISPATCH ADDED.

IT ALSO SAID THAT "THE SPEECH BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK WAS ALSO IN ALMOST THE SAME TONE" AS SVOBODA'S

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