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C/S - APPEAL FOR CALM

MUNICH, AUGUST 28 (CNR) - RADIO PRAGUE TODAY BROADCAST AN APPEAL BY THE NATIONS LEADERS ASKING THAT THE PEOPLE REMAIN CALM.

THE RADIO SAID THE APPEAL WAS ISSUED UNDER THE NAMES OF PRESIDENT MLUDVIK SVOBODA, MR. ALEXANDER DUBCEK, COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY, MR. OLDRICH CERNIK, PRIME MINISTER, AND MR. JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

RADIO PRAGUE SAID IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSCAST AT 1215 MT:

"IN AN APPEAL BROADCAST OVER THE HOME RADIO A FEW MINUTES AGO PRESIDENT SVOBODA, ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND JOSEF SMRKOVSKY APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA NOT TO LET THEMSELVES BE CARRIED AWAY BY EMOTION AND TO BEHAVE WITH STATESMAN-LIKE WISDOM.

"IRRESPONSIBILITY OR ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROVOKE ACTION OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS PRESENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WE MUST SHOW THAT WE CAN GOVERN OURSELVES."

"ALL THE LEADERS THANKED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE FOR ITS CONFIDENCE AND TRUST AND APPEALED TO THEM TO SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, THE MAIN CONDITION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS.

"THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THEIR LEADERS BY ALLOWING THEM TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY, AND THUS TO CONTINUE IN THE POLICY WHICH HAD WON THE CONFIDENCE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

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