

X/13 C/S - AUSTRIAN COMMUNISTS FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL

VIENNA, AUG 28 (RFE SPECIAL/KOCH -- THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HAS TERMED THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS IN MOSCOW "A FIRST IMPORTANT STEP TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARED IN THE WEDNESDAY ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL ORGAN VOLKSSTIMME IN AN UNSIGNED BOX ON ITS FRONTPAGE.

THE COMMENTARY REFERRED TO A 23 AUGUST DECLARATION BY THE AUSTRIAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH DEMANDED THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE RESTORATION OF FULL CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY.

THE COMMENTARY CONTINUED WITH "THE AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH FOLLOWED WITH GREATEST INTEREST THE INTELLIGENT AND DISCIPLINED BEHAVIOUR OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS, ITS DEVOTION AND LOYALTY TO PARTY AND ITS LEGAL LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS IT ELECTED STATE ORGANS UNDER COMPLICATED AND SERIOUS CONDITIONS, RENEWS ITS FULL SOLIDARITY FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY AND ITS LEADERSHIP.

WE SUPPORT FULL AND COMPLETELY THE POSITIONS EXPRESSED IN THE TALKS BY CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DUBCEK."

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