

C/S - RADIO PRAGUE LOOKS AHEAD

(NOTE TO EDITORS: ESPECIALLY USEFUL -OPD-)

MUNICH, AUGUST 28 (CNR) - RADIO PRAGUE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WOULD NEVER KNOWINGLY BROADCAST ANYTHING WHICH ITS STAFF DID NOT BELIEVE.

REVIEWING THE LAST WEEK OF BROADCASTS AND LOOKING AHEAD, THE RADIO SAID IN ENGLISH IN A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT "WE HAVE REPORTED TO YOU THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH."

REFERRING TO THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT "THERE WILL BE CERTAIN AS YET UNSPECIFIED CURBS PLACED ON RADIO, PRESS AND TELEVISION. THIS IS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO US IN RADIO PRAGUE AND TO YOU WHO LISTEN TO OUR VOICES.

"AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE APPEALING TO YOU HERE AND NOW WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME FOR UNDERSTANDING IN THE FUTURE THAT FACES US."

THE TEXT OF THE BROADCAST FOLLOWS:

"AND NOW TURNING FROM THE NEWS WE HERE IN RADIO PRAGUE FOREIGN LANGUAGE BROADCAST WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS A PERSONAL WORD TO YOU WHO PERHAPS KNOW OUR VOICES FROM THE PAST AND WHO HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN FOLLOWING THE DRAMATIC EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THIS LAST WEEK.

"IN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THIS COUNTRY.

"OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMES HAD TO BE REPLACED BY EMERGENCY TRANSMISSIONS OF NEWS BULLETINS AS WE RECEIVED THEM. YOU HAVE HEARD US AT UNUSUAL TIMES AND UNACCUSTOMED FREQUENCIES. SORRY, WE HAD TO MOVE FROM ONE STUDIO TO ANOTHER IN A HURRY.

"NO DOUBT, OUR PROGRAMMES THIS PAST WEEK DID NOT LIVE UP TO THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS RADIO PRAGUE HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO SET FOR ITSELF.

"BUT LET ME STRESS THAT WE HAVE REPORTED TO YOU THE TRUTH THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

"THE FIRST WEEK-LONG STAGE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S ARTIFICIALLY-CREATED CRISIS ENDED LAST NIGHT WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWED BY A BROADCAST TO THE NATION BY PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND MR. DUBCEK. (MORE) BMCG/HE 1535/68 4