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THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ELECTED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS HELD IN PRAGUE LAST WEEK, ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT DUBCEK "IN A DISCIPLINED WAY" AND TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE UNIFICATION OF THE STRENGTH OF THE ENTIRE PARTY.

THE STATEMENT, READ OVER FREE RADIO PRAGUE, THANKED CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CITIZENS, MILITIA, ARMY MEMBERS, COMMUNICATION MEDIA WORKERS AND OTHERS FOR THEIR ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS AND CONCLUDED: WE ARE WITH YOU. BE WITH US.

IN ANOTHER STATEMENT RADIO PRAGUE DECLARED THAT IT WOULD NEVER KNOWINGLY BROADCAST ANYTHING WHICH ITS STAFF DID NOT BELIEVE.

REFERRING TO THE SECTION IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET AGREEMENT WHICH SAID THAT CURBS MIGHT BE PLACED ON RADIO, PRESS AND TELEVISION, THE RADIO PRAGUE STATEMENT SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS STILL TIME, IT APPEALED TO LISTENERS FOR UNDERSTANDING.

THE APPEAL FOR CALM, BROADCAST BY FREE RADIO PRAGUE IN THE NAMES OF SVOBODA, DUBCEK, CERNIK AND SMRKOVSKY ASKED CZECHOSLOVAKS NOT TO LET THEMSELVES BE CARRIED AWAY BY EMOTION AND TO BEHAVE WITH STATESMANLIKE WISDOM.

IRRESPONSIBILITY OR ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROVOKE ACTION BY THE FOREIGN TROOPS PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY, IT SAID.

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