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CERNIK ALSO SAID "THE GOVERNMENT TODAY APPROVED SOME EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES CONCERNING THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE CURRENT ABNORMAL SITUATION, WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT ON RADIO, TELEVISION AND CETEKA."

REFERRING TO THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S TERRITORY, CERNIK SAID."

"WE ARE INTERESTED, TOGETHER WITH YOU, IN THEIR COMPLETE, SPEEDED UP DEPARTURE. WE MUST BE PATIENT HOWEVER, AND ALSO CONTINUE TO BE PRUDENT. THIS WITHDRAWAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT GRADUALLY, IN SEVERAL PHASES."

"IN THE INTEREST OF THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR LIFE, FIRST ALL THE TROOPS WILL LEAVE TOWNS, AND WILL MOVE TO NEW AREAS."

"THE INDIVIDUAL PHASES OF THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS FROM OUR TERRITORY MUST BE STILL MADE CONCRETE, AND THEY WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE COMPETENT GOVERNMENT QUARTERS."

"WE HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCE THAT THE FOREIGN TROOPS," CERNIK WENT ON, "WILL NOT RPT NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC, AND THAT THE DIRECTION OF ALL SPHERES OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION REMAINS FULLY SUBORDINATED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OTHER STATE BODIES."

"THE CONCRETE STEPS IN THE STRENGTHENING OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM THE SOLUTION OF WHICH WE WERE PREPARING, OR WILL NOW PREPARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION, ARE OUR EXCLUSIVE INTERNAL AFFAIR, IT IS HOWEVER NECESSARY TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NATURAL THAT THEY ARE NOW INFLUENCED BY OUR EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION."

CERNIK SAID FURTHER: "I PROMISE TO YOU ALL THAT ALSO IN FUTURE I WANT TO ACT SO AS TO LEAD OUR REPUBLIC OUT OF THIS COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT SITUATION, SO THAT WE CAN FULFILL THE GOALS OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. WE WILL IN THIS ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLE: WHAT THE PEOPLE CANNOT RPT CANNOT ACHIEVE, NO RPT NO OTHER FORCE CAN ACHIEVE."

CERNIK ALSO SAID "THE RISKING OF THE FATES OF OUR NATIONS CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE THE PROGRAM OF A SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT. NOW, EACH OF US IS FACED WITH THE QUESTION OF FATE: HOW TO WORK FURTHER UNDER THIS SITUATION?"

"I AM DETERMINED TO CONTINUE IN THE POLICY THE BASIS OF WHICH WAS LAID BY THE JANUARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY."

"I WANT TO CONTINUE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION, SINCE ONLY ON ITS BASIS THE GOVERNMENT GAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE, AS REGARDS BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES."

REFERRING TO FOREIGN POLICY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CERNIK SAID: "IT IS NECESSARY TO FOLLOW ALL COMMITMENTS, STEMMING FROM BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES FOR US."

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