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X/4 LEGALITY OF CS PARTY CONGRESS AN ISSUE AT SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS

MUNICH, AUGUST 28 (CMD)- THE LEGALITY OF THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WAS AN ISSUE ~~TODAY~~ AT THE SLOVAK PARTY EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS IN BRATISLAVA, ACCORDING TO RADIO FREE DANUBE.

SOME DELEGATES TO THE SLOVAK CONGRESS HAVE DECLARED THAT THE DELEGATES SHOULD MEET TOGETHER AGAIN.

THE RADIO SAID A MAJORITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE SLOVAK CONGRESS TODAY CONCERNED THE ISSUE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS, WHICH WAS HELD LAST WEEK.

SOVIET OFFICIAL NEWS MEDIA DECLARED THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS ILLEGAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT MOST OF THE SLOVAK DELEGATES WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND IT.

HOWEVER, CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS MEDIA HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES PRESENT - ALMOST 1,100 OF THE 1,500 ELECTED - REPRESENTED A QUORUM.

RADIO DANUBE, DISCUSSING THE QUESTION TONIGHT SAID THAT THE FIRST DAY OF THE SLOVAK CONGRESS HAD IN FACT SUPPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS.

HOWEVER, IT SAID, A GROUP OF SLOVAK DELEGATES HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT NOTING THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS HAD BEEN HELD, AND SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY HAD SUPPORTED THE BRINGING-FORWARD OF THE CONGRESS.

IN VIEW OF THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN MOSCOW AFTER THE SOVIET-CZECHOSLOVAK TALKS, WHICH FAILED TO MENTION THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS, THE SLOVAK GROUP HAD NOW ISSUED A DECLARATION THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE MEMBERS OF A BODY NOT RPT NOT HEADED BY "DUBCEK'S LEADERSHIP."

THE DELEGATES WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THE FOURTEENTH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMMUNIST PARTY "WILL BE CONVENED" AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO AVOID A SPLIT IN THE PARTY.

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