

X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD WARSAW SPEAK OF SERIOUS TENSION... (CN 14) XXX

CORRESPONDENT

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT THE EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN CONVENED IN BRATISLAVA AGAINST THE APPEALS OF ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND THE REMAINING LEADERS, THUS "CREATING A DIFFICULT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THIS PART OF THE REPUBLIC".

THE COMMENTATOR MENTIONED THE FACT THAT VICE PREMIER GUSTAV HUSAK HAS RENOUNCED HIS PARTY FUNCTIONS IN THE NEWLY ELECTED CENTRAL ORGAN OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, AND CALLED ON OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY LEADERSHIP TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT HUSAK'S DECISION WAS MOTIVATED BY THE ABNORMAL SITUATION CREATED BY THE EXISTENCE OF TWO CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

"LET ME RECALL THAT A FEW DAYS AGO A PARTY MEETING WAS HELD IN PRAGUE, WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY. THIS GATHERING ELECTED THE SECOND CENTRAL COMMITTEE," SAID THE CORRESPONDENT.

HE SAID THAT THE RESOLUTIONS PUBLISHED BY CZECHOSLOVAK RADIOS, WHICH UNDERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN MOSCOW, ARE AN ELEMENT OF ANXIETY.

"THERE ARE STILL ATTEMPTS TO CREATE A STATE OF HOSTILITY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION AND THE REMAINING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IT MIGHT BE THAT THE DAYS TO COME WILL PRODUCE IN THIS RESPECT SOME REASONABLE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION. DESPITE ALL THIS, WE NOTED TODAY FURTHER EXAMPLES OF THE NORMALIZATION OF LIFE IN PRAGUE AND IN OTHER PLACES," SAID THE CORRESPONDENT. (RADIO WARSAW DOMESTIC/M, AUGUST 28, 1968, 2000)

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