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MUNICH, AUG 29 (CMD) -- GUSTAV HUSAK - A 55-YEAR-OLD FORMER LAWYER WHO SPENT TIME IN PRISON DURING THE REGIME OF ANTONIN NOVOTNY - HAS BEEN ELECTED LEADER OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, REPLACING VASIL BILAK.

THIS WAS REPORTED TODAY BY RADIO FREE DANUBE, WHICH BROADCAST THE TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE RESULTING FROM THE SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS. THE CONGRESS BEGAN IN BRATISLAVA ON MONDAY AND ENDED TODAY.

THE CONGRESS ELECTED A NEW 107-MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUT BILAK WAS NOT RPT NOT LISTED AS A MEMBER.

BOTH HUSAK AND BILAK PARTICIPATED IN THE TALKS HELD EARLIER THIS WEEK IN MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. BOTH MEN WERE MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE THAT RESULTED FROM THE TALKS.

TODAY'S PARTY COMMUNIQUE MADE NO RPT NO MENTION AT ALL OF BILAK. BILAK BECAME SLOVAK LEADER AFTER ALEXANDER DUBCEK LEFT THE POST LAST JANUARY TO BECOME NATIONAL PARTY LEADER.

TODAY'S PARTY COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE "REALIZATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE MOSCOW TALKS."

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