

XS - 1700 INTRO: CZECHOSLOVAK SCENE

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

MEANTIME, RADIO FREE DANUBE, REPORTING ON THE SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS WHICH ELEVATED HUSAK, SAID THE CONGRESS CALLED FOR A NEW EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

IN A BROADCAST THIS MORNING, RADIO FREE DANUBE REPORTED THAT A CONGRESS COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED THE ELECTION OF A NEW 107-MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SLOVAK PARTY.

THE LIST DID NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE BILAK, AND THERE WAS NO MENTION OF HIM IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE CONGRESS, WHICH BEGAN LAST MONDAY AND ENDED TODAY, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE "REALIZATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE MOSCOW TALKS."

SUPPORT FOR THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT, THE COMMUNIQUE SAID, WAS NECESSARY TO ALLOW CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO CONTINUE "THE REALIZATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE SLOVAK CONGRESS CALLED FOR A CONSOLIDATION OF POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY SO THAT ORDER COULD BE RESTORED, THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS FURTHER DEVELOPED AND THE "UNCONDITIONAL AND URGENT" WITHDRAWAL OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS CAN BE REALIZED.

HUSAK, SPEAKING TO THE SLOVAK CONGRESS, SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE "ABNORMAL SITUATION" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

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