

CS- 1ST ADD 1700 INTRO - CZECHOSLOVAK SCENE (CN 186) XXX SOLUTION

"ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BRING FOR OUR PEOPLE UNIMAGINABLE SACRIFICES IN LIVES AND DISASTROUS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES," HUSAK SAID.

THE SLOVAK COMMUNIQUE SAID THE CONGRESS EXPRESSED "FULL CONFIDENCE" IN CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

BOTH HUSAK AND BILAK PARTICIPATED IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK- SOVIET TALKS IN THE KREMLIN AFTER THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS INVADED CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BILAK BECAME SLOVAK PARTY LEADER AFTER DUBCEK WAS ELEVATED TO THE NATIONAL PARTY LEADERSHIP LAST JANUARY.

THE CALL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS CAME IN A LETTER FROM THE SLOVAK CONGRESS AND THE SLOVAK DELEGATES TO THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL PARTY CONGRESS TO DUBCEK.

THE 14TH CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS MET IN PRAGUE LAST WEEK AND ELECTED A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE. BUT IT WAS LATER DESCRIBED AS ILLEGAL BY THE SOVIET UNION.

FREE RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA REPORTED LAST NIGHT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT WILL SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT INVADERS WITHIN A FEW DAYS ASKING FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS.

REPORTING ON THE GOVERNMENT MEETING HELD YESTERDAY, THE RADIO SAID PREPARATIONS WERE ALSO BEING MADE FOR ECONOMIC TALKS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAK AND SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW.

LIFE WAS REPORTED RETURNING TO NORMAL IN PRAGUE TODAY. MOST SHOPS ON WENCESLAS SQUARE IN THE CITY CENTER ARE OPEN AND QUEUES HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE FOOD SHOPS.

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