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PARIS AUG. 30 (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- THE SPECIAL PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY LHUMANITE REPORTED FRIDAY THAT "THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH LAST JANUARY OPENED THE PROCESS OF RENOVATION, MIGHT BE CALLED FOR A MEETING ON SATURDAY".

ACCORDING TO THE CORRESPONDENT, PHILIPPA HENTGES, THE DELEGATES OF THE 14TH CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MEETING, SAID HENTGES, "WILL REPORTEDLY BE MARKED BY THE RESIGNATION OF A PART OF ITS MEMBERS AND BY THE ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS. ALL IN ALL, 40 OF THE SOME 110 MEMBERS OF LAST JANUARY, ARE NOT EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE."

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW COULD ALSO DECIDE TO CALL A NEW PARTY CONGRESS, "THE LEGITIMACY OF WHICH COULD NOT BE CHALLENGED", SAID HENTGES.

"THUS, SATURDAY, A SITUATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN CREATED WHERE THE PARTY IS HEADED BY A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE STRONGLY RESEMBLING THE ONE ELECTED ON AUGUST 24TH BUT WHICH FORMALLY CONTINUES THE OLD CENTRAL COMMITTEE", HENTGES SAID.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE CHANGES IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY "WERE RICH IN INFORMATION", SAID HENTGES.

THE FRENCH COMMUNIST CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBED THE ATMOSPHERE IN PRAGUE AS GRAVE.

"THE PEOPLE HAVE REMAINED VERY SERIOUS. THEY WALK IN SILENCE, MANY OF THEM WEARING A CZECHOSLOVAK TRI-COLOURED BUTTON... WHICH IS SOMETIMES EMBROIDERED WITH BLACK CREPE", HENTGES SAID.

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