

X/13 CS-- 1ST ADD VESELY: MANY OF US HAVE COME OUT (CN 254) XXX HOMELAND

VESELY SAID HE HAD MET NO OBSTACLES ON HIS CAR JOURNEY OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

"IT WAS A LITTLE SAD, FOR WITH ME, ON THE OTHER ROADS, BEFORE ME AND AFTER ME. PEOPLE HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER WHOM I CONSIDER THE BEST BRAINS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WITH WHOM ONE COULD HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SOMETHING IN THE WORLD WHICH COULD AND SHOULD HAVE HAD A CERTAIN CHANCE OF BEING DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM," HE SAID.

VESELY SAID HIS WIFE HAD GONE TO VIENNA TWO DAYS BEFORE HE LEFT CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE SAID HE KNEW THE RUSSIANS WOULD BRAND HIM AND HIS FRIENDS AS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES BUT "I CAN SAY HONESTLY THAT WE ARE ALL SOCIALISTS AND THAT WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT DEMANDED A RETURN TO CAPITALISM."

VESELY SAID HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE.

"TODAY WE CAN'T SPEAK OF MOSCOW AS THE MOTHERLAND OF COMMUNISM," HE SAID. "IT IS A GREAT POWER. COMMUNISM IS ONLY A MASK."

THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITER SAID THAT MANY FORMER CONSERVATIVES HAD CHANGED THEIR VIEWS IN THE PAST WEEK.

"WE KNOW MANY PEOPLE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO BELONGED TO THE CONSERVATIVES, WHO WERE EVEN VERY HARD CONSERVATIVES AND WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY," HE SAID.

"AND IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THIS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY. AND THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE HARD CONSERVATIVES AT THIS MOMENT WERE AS IF THEY HAD BEEN EXCHANGED. AT HIS MOMENT THESE PEOPLE SAW, PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME...THAT HERE ONE WAS NOT DEALING WITH A COMMUNIST POWER BUT WITH A PURE GREAT POWER POLICY.

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