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X/4 C/S -- PRAGUE POLL SHOWS MASSIVE BACKING FOR DUBCEK (W- CN 69)

BELGRADE, AUG 31 (CMD)-- THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG SAID TODAY A PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED IN PRAGUE AUG 28 SHOWED 99 PER CENT BACKING FOR COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

NINETY-THREE PER CENT OF THOSE POLLED DENIED THERE HAD BEEN ANY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY DANGER BEFORE THE WARSAW PACT MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE TEXT OF THE TANJUG ARTICLE:

"NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF PRAGUE CITIZENS INTERVIEWED IN A PUBLIC OPINION POLL HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ALEXANDER DUBCEK, HALF A PER CENT HAVE NOT, AND THE REST DO NOT KNOW.

"THE POLL WAS CARRIED OUT IN PRAGUE ON AUGUST 28 BY THE PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

"ASKED WHETHER A DANGER FROM COUNTERREVOLUTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD EXISTED BEFORE THE INVASION BY FOREIGN ARMIES, 93 PER CENT DENIED IT CATEGORICALLY, 2 PER CENT REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, AND 5 PER CENT DID NOT KNOW.

"THE FOLLOWING WAS THE ORDER OF PERSONALITIES IN WHOM THE PRAGUE CITIZENS HAD MOST CONFIDENCE: DUBCEK, SVOBODA, CERNIK, SMRKOVSKY, CISAR AND SIK". N

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