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X/4 C/S - BRATISLAVA TROOP PULLOUT DISCUSSED

MUNICH, AUG 31 (CMD)-- SLOVAK OFFICIALS AND THE SOVIET TROOP COMMANDER DISCUSSED THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM BRATISLAVA TODAY, ACCORDING TO RADIO FREE DANUBE.

THE RADIO SAID THE SOVIET COMMANDER, WHO WAS NOT RPT NOT IDENTIFIED, ANNOUNCED HE WOULD WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM BRATISLAVA "WHEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE ORGANS ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND THE NORMAL RUNNING OF LIFE."

THE TEXT OF THE RADIO BROADCAST:

"TODAY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE SLOVAK CAPITAL BRATISLAVA DISCUSSED WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE SOVIET TROOPS SOME QUESTIONS ON THE NORMALIZATION OF LIFE, CONDITIONS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM THE BRATISLAVA CITY LIMITS AND OTHER TOWNS, THE RETURN OF THE OCCUPIED BUILDINGS INTO THE HANDS OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT ORGANS, AND QUESTIONS DEALING WITH THE SAFEGUARDING OF CALM AND ORDER.

"THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SOVIET TROOPS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD WITHDRAW THE TROOPS FROM THE SLOVAK CAPITAL BRATISLAVA WHEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATE ORGANS ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND THE NORMAL RUNNING OF LIFE.

"WE WILL KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED AS TO HOW THESE MEASURES ARE PUT INTO PRACTICE.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CAPITAL OF SLOVAKIA AGAIN APPEALS TO ALL CITIZENS TO HELP IN A DISCIPLINED MANNER IN THE SOLVING OF THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE NORMALIZATION OF LIFE IN OUR CITY."

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