

X/4 C/S -- SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN FOR DUBCEK IN PRAGUE STREETS

MUNICH, AUGUST 31 (CMD) -- A CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT OF ALEXANDER DUBCEK WAS REPORTED IN PROGRESS THIS AFTERNOON ON PRAGUE STREETS BY RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA.

THE STATION, BROADCASTING ON 21,450, 5930, 7285, 6055, 1286 AND 7350 KCS SAID THAT ITS REPORTER HAD SEEN THE SIGNATURE COLLECTION CAMPAIGN "AT SEVERAL POINTS". THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR DUBCEK ALSO CALLS FOR A RESUMPTION OF NORMAL WORK ON ALL SECTORS.

RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA ALSO REPORTED AN APPEAL ADDRESSED TO "WORKERS OF RUDE PRAVO IN PRAGUE." IT SAID THAT THE NEWSPAPER'S MANAGEMENT HAD AGAIN TAKEN OVER ITS PUBLISHING HOUSE, FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN MILITARY UNITS.

THE APPEAL TO WORKERS SAID THAT "NORMAL OPERATIONS" WOULD BE RESUMED TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 1 AND MONDAY. ALL HEADS OF SECTIONS, FOREMEN AND WORKERS OF THE AUXILIARY OPERATION CENTER AND MAINTENANCE SHOPS WERE ASKED TO REPORT FOR DUTY AT 0800 M.T. TOMORROW AND THAT ALL OTHER STAFF, INCLUDING EDITORS, SHOULD REPORT FOR WORK ON MONDAY MORNING.

THE APPEAL FOR A RETURN TO WORK WAS SIGNED BY THE "ALL-WORKS CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY COMMITTEE OF 'RUDE PRAVO'."

ON THE SAME NEWSCAST, RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA ALSO SAID THAT THE MAIN POST OFFICE ON PRAGUE'S JINDRISKA STREET HAD BEEN VACATED BY OCCUPATION FORCES AND THAT MAINTENANCE WORKERS THERE HAD PUT IN AN "EXTRA DUBCEK SHIFT" TO CLEAN THE PREMISES.

THE STATION ALSO SAID THAT THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY WAS URGING ALL COMBINE DRIVERS IN SLOVAKIA AND MORAVIA, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE CZECH LANDS SHOULD RETURN HOME AS THE GRAIN WAS OVERRIPE AND NEEDED HARVESTING.

YET ANOTHER REPORT SAID THAT GRAIN DELIVERIES TO THE STATE HAD ALMOST REACHED 75 PERCENT OF PLANNED TARGETS.

(RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA, F, AUGUST 31, 1600)

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