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THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE PARTY WANTED TO CONTINUE WITH THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF ITS POST-JANUARY POLICY "EVEN IN THESE EXTRA-ORDINARY TIMES."

RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA SAID THE MAIN REPORT TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS MADE BY PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK WHO "INFORMED THE MEETING ON THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT."

DUBCEK SAID THAT IN MOSCOW THE NEGOTIATING SIDES "DID NOT EMPHASISE PAST DEVELOPMENTS. THE CHANGED SITUATION WAS DETERMINED BY THE NEW REALITY OCCASIONED BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT STATES."

DUBCEK STRESSED THAT "THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY IS INTERESTED IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IN OUR PARTY."

HE SAID THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA "MUST AVOID THE SUSPICION THAT IT IS TRYING TO AVOID THE ADOPTED COURSE."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THERE WERE 29 SPEAKERS AT THE PLENUM, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE AUDITING COMMISSION AND SOME ELECTED DELEGATES TO THE 14TH CONGRESS.

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