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C/S - 2130 INTRO CZECHOSLOVAKIA CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MUNICH, SEPT 1 (CNR) - THE PRESIDUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 11 TO 21 MEMBERS AND 80 DELEGATES TO THE 14TH PARTY CONGRESS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE CONGRESS, SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 9, HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT IN A COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF A TWO-DAY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM IN PRAGUE.

THE NEW PRESIDUM CONTAINS 14 NEW MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA AS AN HONORARY MEMBER.

FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PRE-INVASION PRESIDUM ARE NOT IN THE NEW ONE. THEY ARE FRANTISEK BARBIREK, OLDRICH SVESTKA, EMIL RIGE, FRANTISEK KRIEGLER AND DRAHOMIR KOLDER.

CESTMIR CISAR WAS RELIEVED FROM HIS POST AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY AT HIS OWN REQUEST. HE IS REPLACED BY JOSEF SPACEK.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE TEMPORARY CENSORSHIP IN SOME SPHERES AND TO PREVENT THE ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS VIOLATING SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES AND ATTEMPTS TO SET UP POLITICAL PARTIES OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL FRONT.

REFERRING TO A SPEECH BY PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK- ALTHOUGH NOT RPT NOT MAKING CLEAR IF IT WAS ACTUALLY QUOTING HIM- THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT IN ITS EVOLUTION SINCE JANUARY THE PARTY HAD NOT TAKEN SUFFICIENT NOTE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES.

HOWEVER, DUBCEK EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIET PARTY WAS INTERESTED IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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