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C/S - 1ST ADD SVOBODA STATEMENT TO PLENUM (CN 3) XXX FOR US

SVOBODA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS MIGHT HAVE CAUSED DISAPPOINTMENT - "PARTICULARLY AMONG THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PAST FEW DAYS IN THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE AT HOME" -- IT NEVERTHELESS ENCOMPASSED QUITE A FEW THINGS WHICH AT FIRST APPEARED UNATTAINABLE.

"THE LEADING ORGANS OF THE STATE AND PARTY ARE FUNCTIONING AGAIN, THE SITUATION IN THE CITIES IS BECOMING NORMAL, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE THE EFFORT STARTED AFTER JANUARY.

"A DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX BUT NEVERTHELESS REALISTIC WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IS OPENING UP, A WAY OUT WHICH CAN OFFER POSITIVE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE".

THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN MOSCOW CALLED FOR SOME EXTRAORDINARY AND CERTAINLY UNPOPULAR MEASURES, SAID SVOBODA.

"IT WOULD BE NOT ONLY AN ILLUSION BUT WOULD ENTAIL SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF EFFORTS WERE TO EMERGE TO AVOID THESE OBLIGATIONS IN SOME WAY," HE ADDED.

THE RISK WOULD THEN BE "GIGANTIC", HE WARNED .

"WE MUST PROCEED EXTREMELY CAREFULLY, ACCORDING TO THE EXISTING SITUATION, AND ACT IN A MANNER INSURING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PLEDGES DOES NOT WEAKEN THE HEALTHY CORE OF THE PARTY AND ITS AUTHORITY".

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