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AT PLZEN, MEANWHILE, A PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S REGIONAL COMMITTEE ENTERED ITS SECOND DAY THIS AFTERNOON AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LADISLAV KARDA REPORTED ON THE AUGUST 31 CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION IN PRAGUE.

IN AN INTERVIEW RECORDED AT THE SESSION, PRESIDUM MEMBER LIBUSE HRDINOVA EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE RESTORATION OF NORMALCY IN THE COUNTRY WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT TASK, SO THAT THE COUNTRY "FREE OF EMOTION" CAN FACE THE "HARSH REALITY AND PROCEED CIRCUMSPECTLY, WITH THE AIM OF PURSUING ONLY OUR OWN INTERESTS."

HRDINOVA ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WHEN ASKED WHETHER IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO TELL PEOPLE THE TRUTH, BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS HER BELIEF THAT PEOPLE "ALREADY COMPREHEND THAT POLITICS ARE, AS IT WERE, BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE UNDER NEW CONDITIONS, AND THAT IT IS, THEREFORE IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO ALL QUESTIONS."

SHE ALSO SAID THAT THE COUNTRY MUST NOW IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION OF AUGUST 31 SO THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS CAN BE FULFILLED.

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