

CN 115

X/4 C/S -- DUBCEK'S FATHER INTERVIEWED (AMPLIFIES CN 178 OF LAST NIGHT)

MUNICH, SEPT 4 (CMD) -- DUBCEK IS NOT RPT NOT ILL, DUBCEK PERE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW BROADCAST OVER RADIO BRATISLAVA YESTERDAY.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STORY:

"DEAR FRIENDS, WE HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A FATHER WHOM WE BRIEFLY INTERVIEWED AND WITH WHOM WE DRANK A TOAST TO THE CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH -- OF HIS SON.

"STEFAN DUBCEK, THE 76-YEAR-OLD FATHER, WAS A MEMBER OF 'INTERHELPO' (CMD: A PRODUCTION COOPERATIVE OF CZECHS AND SLOVAKS IN THE SOVIET UNION, FORMED IN 1925: IT WAS LOCATED NEAR FRUNZE) AND OF THE 3RD ILLEGAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY DURING THE PARTISAN FIGHTING.

"ALEXANDER DUBCEK, THE SON, HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF COURAGE FOR OUR NATIONS, IN HIS POST AS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

"FATHER AND SON MEET ON FREQUENT OCCASION AND THEY OFTEN DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF OUR CURRENT LIFE. THEY ALSO MET RECENTLY WHEN THE SON HAD COME TO BRATISLAVA TO VISIT (INAUDIBLE)...

"I CAME HERE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON; MY SON WANTED TO VISIT ME, I WAS NOT RPT NOT AT HOME, BUT I HAD A FEELING HE WAS HERE. AND SO I WENT TO HIS APARTMENT WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO MINE AND WE MISSED EACH OTHER. BUT AT LONG LAST, WE MET."

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