

X/4 C/S --1ST ADD -- DUBCEK'S FATHER INTERVIEWED (CN 115) XXX AGAIN

THE ELDER DUBCEK CONTINUED:

"WE EMBRACED AND HUGGED EACH OTHER (SIGH) AFTER ALL THE MANY EVENTS AND HARDSHIPS,"

"WHICH, I CAN SAY WE BORE WITH FORTITUDE ALONG WITH OUR NATION, AND , OF ^UCOURSE, EVEN WHEN THINGS WERE MOST DIFFICULT, HE PERSISTED IN HIS DETERMINATION NOT RPT NOT TO WAVER AND NOT RPT NOT TO YIELD ONE INCH OF HIS INTENTIONS. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL COME TO PASS.

"THE DIFFICULTIES WERE GREAT; WE TALKED ABOUT THIS IN GENERAL OUTLINES, BUT HE OVERCAME THESE DIFFICULTIES, OF COURSE ONLY WITH THE HELP OF OUR NATION, BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY FOR OUR PARTY TO PREVAIL IF IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE; AND THIS NATION REALLY STOOD BY MY SON."

(QUESTION): " HIS TASKS ARE VERY ONEROUS THESE DAYS ... AND HE MUST BE TIRED AND EXHAUSTED. AFTER ALL WE CAN WELL IMAGINE WHAT HE HAD TO GO THROUGH. HOW IS HIS HEALTH?"

(DUBCEK SENIOR): " HIS HEALTH -- I WOULD SAY HE IS QUITE TOUGH. AND I CAN SAY THAT I DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT TO SEE MY SON IN SUCH GOOD HEALTH."

(QUESTION): " THERE ARE RUMOURS THAT HE IS ILL, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IS THIS TRUE?"

(DUBCEK SENIOR): "NO, IT IS NOT. HE IS SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS EXHAUSTION, EVERY ONE CAN AND WILL UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT OTHERWISE HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH AND DETERMINED TO CONTINUE WORKING (SIGH) AND (TO STICK TO) HIS STANDPOINT."

(QUESTION): " AND AS FAR AS THIS IS CONCERNED?"

(DUBCEK SENIOR): "WELL, IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF FATHER AND SON HIS ADULT SON, IT IS NOT RPT NOT AS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT THERE WAS THIS OR THAT, WELL (INAUDIBLE) THIS IS IDLE TALKS."

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