

X/4 CS - RADIO BUDAPEST PRAISE FOR CS "PROGRESS"

MUNICH, SEPT 7 (CMD)- RADIO BUDAPEST SAID TONIGHT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA "IS MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT; TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST INTERESTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

THE RADIO WAS COMMENTING ON CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST WEEK.

ILLUSTRATING ITS POINT IT NOTED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MOSCOW AGREEMENT, POSTPONED THE 14TH PARTY CONGRESS AND ELECTED A NEW PRESIDUM.

THE RADIO THEN QUOTED CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AS "ADMITTING THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION IS CARRYING WITHIN IN ITSELF GRAVE DANGERS, AND THAT NOT ONLY INSUFFICIENCY OF METHODS HAS APPEARED..."

IT SAID THAT THE ANALYTICAL WORK REQUIRED BY THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT HAD INDEED BEGUN BUT WAS NOT YET IN FULL SWING "AND WITH MANY DISTURBING ASPECTS...RESULTING FROM A REMARKABLE IDEOLOGICAL CONFUSION AND FROM HOSTILE ACTIVITIES HERE AND THERE..."

AN INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE RADIO CONCLUDED, WAS THAT "EXTREMIST NATO CIRCLES ARE FOMENTING AN ANTICOMMUNIST CAMPAIGN, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE FRAIL PILLARS OF THE ATLANTIC TREATY." (RADIO BUDAPEST DOMESTIC, M, SEPT 7, 1968, 1445)

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