

X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD - SMRKOVSKY TELLS (CN - 155) XXX FATHERLAND

THE BROADCAST THEN CARRIED THE FOLLOWING RECORDED EXCERPT FROM SMRKOVSKY'S SPEECH AT THE MEETING:

(NOTE: MONITOR'S IMPRESSION IS THAT SMRKOVSKY'S REMARKS WERE IMPROVISED.)

"IT IS THE UNITY OF OUR PEOPLE. IT IS THE UNITY OF CZECHS AND SLOVAKS, IT IS THE UNITY OF ALL OUR PEOPLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME INSIGNIFICANT REMNANTS, A UNITY WHICH HAS NEVER EXISTED IN OUR COUNTRY - AS FAR AS WE CAN REMEMBER, NEVER."

"I CONSIDER THIS TO BE A GREAT POSITIVE ASSET WHICH WILL AND MUST STILL PLAY ITS ROLE IN THE FUTURE.

"I AM CONVINCED THAT IT WILL HAPPEN SO. THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY, BOTH NATIONS, CZECHS AND SLOVAKS, AND TOGETHER WITH US ALSO THE HUNGARIANS, UKRAINIANS, POLES, AND EVEN THE REST OF THE GERMANS WHO LIVE IN OUR COUNTRY, WILL PRESERVE THIS UNITY AROUND THE POLITICAL PROGRAM.

"I WANT TO SAY THAT IN THE 15 ARTICLES OF OURS, OF THAT PROTOCOL, WHERE EACH ARTICLE SPEAKS ABOUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT, NATURALLY, THAT AMONG THOSE 15 ARTICLES OF OUR COMMON PROTOCOL, THERE IS ALSO AN ARTICLE WHICH SAYS THAT WE, CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WILL CONTINUE THE POLICY WHICH WE EMBARKED ON IN JANUARY, THAT MEANS THE POLISY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST SOCIETY, WHICH WILL NOT RPT NOT ONLY BE SOCIALIST IN THE SENSE AS IT WAS DECLARED SOME TIME IN THE PAST, IN THE PAST YEARS, BUT THAT OUR SOCIALIST SOCIETY WILL ALSO BE A DEMOCRATIC ONE, A SOCIALIST HUMANISTIC SOCIETY - AS OUR COMRADE DUBCEK SAYS - THAT OUR SOCIALISM WILL HAVE ITS HUMAN FACE."

(CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION/M, SEPT 9, 1900)