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X/4 C/S - WARSAW REPORTS DUBCEK IN MOSCOW

MUNICH, AUGUST 26 (CMD) -- RADIO WARSAW LAST NIGHT BECAME THE FIRST NON-CZECHOSLOVAK EAST EUROPEAN RADIO MONITORED IN MUNICH TO CONFIRM THAT CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK WAS IN MOSCOW.

THE RADIO CARRIED A REPORT BY ITS PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT, CZESLAW BERENDA, ABOUT DUBCEK'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THREE PRESIDUM MEMBERS SATURDAY NIGHT REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF THE SLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY.

RADIO WARSAW SAID (AT 2100 MT): -

"IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FROM MOSCOW, THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALEXANDER DUBCEK HAS ASKED THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, AND THROUGH THEM ALL THE DELEGATES TO POSTPONE THE OPENING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS," SAID THE CORRESPONDENT.

THE CORRESPONDENT NOTED THAT DUBCEK'S APPEAL WAS SUPPORTED BY CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, AND DEPUTY PREMIER GUSTAV HUSAK.

BERENDA DID NOT MENTION THAT THE SLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUNDAY AGREED TO POSTPONE THE CONGRESS, BUT SAID: "MUCH UNCLEARNESS EXISTS AROUND THE CONGRESS. SOME POLITICAL FORCES WANT AT ALL COSTS TO HAD IT AS SCHEDULED. EVEN THOUGH THE POLITICAL SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO BE DIFFICULT AND THE PROPER COURSE OF THE CONGRESS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

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