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FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED TODAY FROM ENDRST:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TELETYPED FRIDAY FROM CTK HEADQUARTERS IN PRAGUE FOR PRIVATE INFORMATION TO ITS CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD. IT COVERED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF ONE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE REPORT, MADE AVAILABLE TO RFE PRIVATELY IN CZECH, SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DEBATE WERE SPEAKING NOT ONLY FOR THEIR OWN PERSONS BUT ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF FACTORIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES WHICH THEY REPRESENTED. THEY STRESSED THAT THE DEMAND FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THOSE COMRADES WHO HAD LOST CONFIDENCE OF THE PARTY WAS BROAD-BASED AND REPRESENTATIVE OF ENTIRE BODIES, NOT JUST INDIVIDUALS.

COMRADE IVAN MALEK REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THERE IS A GREAT INTEREST ABROAD IN THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ESPECIALLY AMONG SCIENTISTS, BOTH IN THE CAPITALIST AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR THE PARTY AS THE PRINCIPLE FORCE TO BE ABLE TO PINPOINT THE VARIOUS TASKS AHEAD AND TO IMPLEMENT THEM SO THAT EVERYBODY WOULD HAVE THE FEELING THAT THESE TASKS ARE MEANT FOR THEM AND THEIR BENEFIT.

COMRADES OTO SIK SUGGESTED THAT THE LACK OF SOLUTION OF INNER PROBLEMS IS LINKED WITH THE MULTIPLICATION OF OVERALL SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, BOTH ON THE EXTREME POLITICAL LEFT AS WELL AS ON THE ANTI-COMMUNIST RIGHT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HAD IT NOT BEEN IN THE PAST FOR SELFLESS, QUITE DANGEROUS AND THEREFORE COURAGEOUS ACTIVITY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY'S APPARATUS, WHO TOGETHER WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF ELECTED PARTY ORGANS WERE NOT AFRAID CONTINUOUSLY TO CRITICISE THE ABUSE OF POWER AND THE HUMANE IDEAS OF COMMUNISM AND OF THE BUREAUCRATIC EFFORTS OF PARTY WORK, THOSE WHO ALSO SEARCHED FOR AND KEPT IMPROVING THE MEANS FOR THE POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL ELIMINATION OF SUCH ABUSES. IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO TOPPLE
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SIK DEMANDED THAT THE PARTY CREATE GUARANTEES WITHIN THE SYSTEM FOR THE ACTUAL CARRYING OUT OF DEMOCRACY BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE PARTY. IN THIS HE SAW ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE UPCOMING PARTY CONGRESS.

COMRADE JANKOVCOVA APPEALED TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHO UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT SUPPORTED COMRADE NOVOTNY, TO VOTE FOR HIS REMOVAL FROM THIS ORGAN. SHE ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING THE UNITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY BASED ON THE MERGER OF BOTH OUR WORKING PARTIES. SHE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE A HISTORICAL MISTAKE TO BREAK UP THE UNIFIED MARXIST PARTY AND THE WORKERS MOVEMENT. SHE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PARTY SHOULD GAIN NEW HONORABLE AND HONEST PEOPLE AS MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WHO REMAINED CONVINCED SOCIALISTS AND WHO STILL ARE OUTSIDE THE UNIFIED WORKERS PARTY.

COMRADE JOSEF MACEK SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED OF A WELL SOUGHT OUT CONCEPT OF THE NATIONAL FRONT.

COMRADE EMIL RIGO TOLD THE MEETING HE WAS INTERPRETING VOICES BEING RAISED IN THE FACTORIES AND OFFICES. HE SAID THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE IS BEGINING TO REALIZE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT MERELY A PROPAGANDA. ON THE CONTRARY THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THIS MOVEMENT AS A LIFE'S NECESSITY. THOUSANDS OF PARTY MEMBERS ARE DEMANDING THE REMOVAL FROM THE CENTRAL
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COMMITTEE OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE. BY THEIR REMOVAL, OUR PARTY WOULD GAIN IN THE PROCESS OF UNIFICATION OF ITS RANKS, HE SAID.

COMRADE OLDŘICH RAKOSNIK CONVEYED THE VIEWS OF COMMUNISTS FROM THE KLDNO STEEL WORKS. HE SAID THAT THE COMMUNISTS THERE ARE PROCEEDING FROM THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE JOINT EFFORT OF WORKERS AND THE INTELLIGENTSIA IS THE DETERMINING FACTOR FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. THEY OPENLY SAY THAT THEY WILL NOT ALLOW THE RETURN OF THE PRE-JANUARY CONDITIONS.

COMRADE BOHUMIL SIMON, SPEAKING IN THE NAME OF PRAGUE COMMUNISTS, SAID HE WOULD GUARANTEE ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE POLITICAL OFFENSIVE OF THE PARTY AND THE SPEEDY CONVOCAION OF THE PARTY CONGRESS. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PARTY PREPARE AN OVERALL ANALYSIS OF THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY.
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HE ASKED FOR GUARANTEES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND SOCIALIST EVOLUTION IN THE NATIONAL FRONT. HE WANTED AN ACCEPTANCE OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY STATUTES AND THE ELECTION OF A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY FROM AMONG COMRADES WHO COMMAND A NATURAL AUTHORITY IN THE PARTY AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

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THE PRESIDING COMRADE JOSEF SMRKOVSKY ANNOUNCED THAT EVEN BEFORE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, THE COMRADES RUDOLF CVIK AND CANDIDATE VACLAE SKOPA, WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL, ASKED FOR THEIR REMOVAL FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS WERE GIVEN A WRITTEN AND FINAL REPORT OF A COMMISSION HEADED BY COMRADE OLBRICH CERNIK ON THE CASE OF GENERAL SEJNA. THE PLENUM WILL MAKE ITS CONCLUSIONS ON THE REPORT.

FROM THE ENTIRE COUNTRY COME RESOLUTIONS AND PARAGRAPHS ADDRESSED TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN WHICH THE WORKING PEOPLE ARE EXPRESSING THEIR PLEDGE TO DO EVERYTHING FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF EIGHT POINTS, COMPRISING THE PRINCIPAL TASKS OF THE IMMEDIATE PARTY PROBLEMS.

THE INTERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY REPORT THEN INFORMED ITS CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD ABOUT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF A INTERVIEW GIVEN TO CTK BY DEFENSE MINISTER MARTIN DZUR. HE EXPLAINED THE MEANING AND (MORE)

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THE EXTENT OF THE UPCOMING STAFF MANEUVERS IN WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE ALSO REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME ARMIES OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES. HE SAID THAT THESE MANEUVERS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE MILITARY TRAINING GROUNDS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND PARTLY IN POLAND. HE SAID THAT SEVERAL MILITARY STAFFS OF THE ALLIED FORCES WOULD PARTICIPATE, ADDING THAT THEY DO NOT FOR THE TIME BEING KNOW ABOUT IT AND DO NOT KNOW THE EXTENT OF THE EXERCISES. HE SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE NOTIFIED SHORTLY BEFORE THE MANEUVERS AND ONLY THEN WOULD THEY BE TOLD ABOUT SPECIFIC TASKS ASSIGNED TO THEM.

THE DEFENSE MINISTER SAID THAT YESTERDAY A GROUP OF WARSAW PACT OFFICERS, HEADED BY THE COMMANDER OF THE STAFF, GENERAL KAZAKOV ARRIVED IN PRAGUE. HE SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS GROUP WILL BE GENERAL MUCHA WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY A GROUP OF CZECH MILITARY EXPERTS. DZUR SAID THAT THE MEANUVERS WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE SUBJECT AND SPECIFIC TASKS OF THE MANEUVERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME. HE ADDED THAT THOSE FOREIGN TROOPS ARRIVING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT PRESENT ARE CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING COMMUNICATIONS HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET TROOPS HAVE BROUGHT SOME OF THEIR OWN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

GENERAL DZUR SAID THAT ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TROOPS WILL TAKE PART IN THE MANEUVER AND THAT THEY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE TRAINING GROUNDS AND THAT THE TROOPS WILL NOT USE THEIR WEAPONS IN THE EXERCISES. (THEY WILL NOT ACTUALLY SHOOT)

THE DEFENSE MINISTER ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE WARSAW PACT EXERCISES THE CZECH ARMY WILL CONCURRENTLY HOLD ITS OWN INDEPENDENT MANEUVERS. HE SAID THAT SOME SPECIAL UNITS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY WILL DURING THE SAME PERIOD TAKE PART IN EXERCISES IN THE SOVIET UNION.

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