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FOR INFORMATION

CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION

AFTER HOURS OF DELAY, THE SIX NATIONS AT THE BRATISLAVA SUMMIT ISSUED A DECLARATION WHICH PLEDGED "RELENTLESS STRUGGLE AGAINST BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY AND ALL ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES." PROGRESS CAN ONLY BE MADE, THE DECLARATION SAID, IF THE FRATERNAL PARTIES STRICTLY AND CONSISTENTLY STRENGTHEN THE LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY. AS A CONCESSION TO THE CZECHS, THE DECLARATION NOTED THAT "EACH FRATERNAL PARTY TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION NATIONAL PECULIARITIES AND CONDITIONS," AND IS COOPERATING ON THE BASIS OF "RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY." THE "AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FEDERAL GERMAN REPUBLIC" WERE CITED.

THE GENERALLY UNINFORMATIVE AND IDEOLOGICALLY PRICKLY DECLARATION WILL NOT PLEASE THE CZECH PUBLIC - WHO OPENLY BOOED ULBRICHT ON HIS WAY TO THE SIGNING. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER HAJEK TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE DECLARATION "REAFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLE ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS", AND THAT THERE ARE "NO FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA" AND "NO NEED FOR ANY".

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WE HAVE DETECTED NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE YET IN TROOP DISPOSITIONS RINGING THE COUNTRY.

THE DECLARATION SAYS THERE WILL SOON BE ANOTHER SUMMIT ON BLOC ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

DUBCEK IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE CZECH PEOPLE AGAIN TOMORROW - NO DOUBT TO REASSURE THEM THAT THE JANUARY REVOLUTION WAS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED, BUT THAT FIRM ALLEGIANCE TO THE BLOC IS NECESSARY.

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