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MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD)-- THE NEWLY-ELECTED CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS CHOSEN A 28-MAN PRESIDUM WITH ALEXANDER DUBCEK AS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTED EARLY TODAY.

VJENKA SILHAN WAS CHOSEN AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY AND "ENTRUSTED WITH THE RUNNING OF THE PRESIDUM DURING THE TIME THAT FIRST SECRETARY COMRADE ALEXANDER DUBCEK IS ABSENT."

THE COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST BY RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAID THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE "TOOK POLITICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL STEPS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ; FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE SERIOUS POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY."

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS THE "ONLY LEGAL LEADING ORGAN" OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY UNTIL THE NEXT CONGRESS, AND TOLD ALL SUBSIDIARY PARTY ORGANS TO BE GUIDED SOLELY BY IT.

THE NEW PRESIDUM, AS NAMED BY RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS: ALEXANDER DUBCEK, JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, OLDRICH CERNIK, JOSEF SPACEK, FRANTISEK KRIEGL, BOHUMIR SIMON, CESTMIR CISAR, OTA SIK, VJENKA SILHAN, VACLAV SLAVIK, LIBUSE HRDINOVA, MATEJICEK, ZDENEK HEJZLAR, KABRNA, LITERA, EDUARD GOLDSTUECKER, VOJACEK, HYBL, MOC, SIMECEK, GUSTAV HUSAK, JOSEF XRAK, ANTON TAZKY, STEFAN SADOVSKY, PETER COLOTKA, TURCEK, SAMEL AND VIKTOR PAVLEND.

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