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C/S - WARSAW PACT TROOPS ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA

MUNICH, AUGUST 21 (CNR) -- RADIO PRAGUE ANNOUNCED EARLY TODAY THAT SOVIET, HUNGARIAN, BULGARIAN, POLISH AND EAST GERMAN TROOPS ENTERED CZECHOSLOVAKIA TUESDAY NIGHT WITHOUT CZECHOSLOVAK PERMISSION.

THE RADIO SAID THAT THE TROOPS BEGAN ENTERING THE COUNTRY AT 2300 LOCAL TIME TUESDAY NIGHT "WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE PREMIER OR THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY."

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS REPEATED EVERY TEN MINUTES AND IT ASKED THAT THE POPULATION REMAIN CALM AND NOT OFFER RESISTANCE TO THE TROOPS "ON THE MARCH."

THE TEXT READ:

"TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, YESTERDAY, ON 20 TWENTY AUGUST, AROUND 2300 TWENTYTHREE HUNDRED HOURS TROOPS OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, GDR, HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND BULGARIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, CROSSED THE FRONTIERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC. THIS HAPPENED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE PREMIER, AND THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

"IN THE EVENING HOURS THE PRESIDUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD A SESSION AND DISCUSSED THE PREPARATION OF THE 14TH FOURTEEN CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS. THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM APPEALS TO ALL CITIZENS OF OUR REPUBLIC TO MAINTAIN CALM AND NOT TO OFFER RESISTANCE TO THE TROOPS ON THE MARCH. OUR ARMY, SECURITY CORPS AND PEOPLE'S MILITIA HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COMMAND TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY.

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