

C/S -- PACT TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RADIO PRAGUE OFF AIR

(0600 INTRO)

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CNR) -- RADIO PRAGUE ANNOUNCED LATE LAST NIGHT THAT THE TROOPS OF FIVE WARSAW PACT NATIONS HAD ENTERED THE COUNTRY WITHOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PERMISSION.

THE RADIO SAID IN REPEATED BROADCASTS THAT ABOUT 2300 LOCAL TIME LAST NIGHT TROOPS OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, AND EAST GERMANY CROSSED THE CZECHOSLOVAK FRONTIERS.

THE REPEATS OF THE BROADCAST CONTINUED UNTIL 0447 M.T. WHEN RADIO PRAGUE ANNOUNCED "WE ARE SURROUNDED." THE STATION THEN WENT OFF THE AIR.

IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MET. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID IT HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, ANATOLY DOBRYNIN.

SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK WAS GETTING IN TOUCH WITH DOBRYNIN AGAIN TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER, A WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

IN MOSCOW, THE SOVIET NEWSAGENCY ANNOUNCED THAT THE TROOPS HAD BEEN CALLED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP.

RADIO PRAGUE SAID IN ITS EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE GOING OFF THE AIR THAT THE CROSSING INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS BEEN WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT, OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN, OF THE PREMIER AND OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE BROADCAST ADDED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY, SECURITY CORPS AND PEOPLES MILITIA HAD NOT RECEIVED A COMMAND TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY.

(MORE) BMCG/A/mgr 0556/68 AUG 21+