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C/S - 1ST ADD - PACT TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (CN 23) XXX COUNTRY

THE BROADCAST, REPEATED REGULARLY, ASKED THE POPULATION TO REMAIN CALM AND NOT RPT NOT TO OFFER RESISTANCE TO THE TROOPS "ON THE MARCH."

THE BROADCAST SAID THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK C.P. CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM CONSIDERED THIS ACT AS "CONTRARY NOT ONLY TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES BUT ALSO AS A DENIAL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

THE RADIO SAID THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS BEING CONVENED AND THE PRESIDUM WAS CONVENING A PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

SHORTLY BEFORE GOING OFF THE AIR THE RADIO SAID THE FOLLOWING:

"WE ARE SURROUNDED FRIENDS, AND WHAT REMAINS TO BE ADDED TO THIS IS NOT RPT NOT MUCH, AND THIS IS RELATIVELY SAD.

"THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO HAS ATTEMPTED TO TRANSMIT THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDUM SHORTLY BEFORE 0200 HOURS THIS MORNING. ALL TRANSMITTERS WHICH WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL WERE OF COURSE GRADUALLY PUT OUT OF OPERATION, AND UP TO NOW WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS REPORT.

"WE DO NOT RPT NOT EVEN KNOW WHETHER YOU HEAR US AT THIS MOMENT. OF COURSE, WE WANT TO PERSERVE PEACE. WE ARE AWAITING A HINT FROM OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDUM OF OUR PARLIAMENT, DESPITE THE FACT THAT SOME TELEPHONE LINES ARE CUT OFF FROM OUR BUILDING, AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HEARING CIRCLING AIRPLANES OVER THE RADIO BUILDING SINCE 0200 MT THIS MORNING.

"WE ARE CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL BE-HAVE IN THE SAME MANNER, AND INSTEAD OF DEMONSTRATING YOU WILL SOON GO NORMALLY TO WORK AND DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, AND THIS IS REALLY THE ONLY SOLUTION AT THIS MOMENT."

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