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X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD - RADIO PRAGUE OFF THE AIR (CN 48) XXX BROADCASTING

BEFORE GOING OFF THE AIR FOR THE SECOND TIME AT 0735 MT, THE RADIO PRAGUE ANNOUNCER SAID HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM PRAGUE CITIZENS THAT THE BUILDING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY "SOVIET UNITS."

THE RADIO SAID AT 0720 MT THAT "UNITS ARE APPROACHING THE RADIO BUILDING WHICH STARTED TO SHOOT TRACER AND SHARP PROJECTILES."

THE RADIO SAID LATER THAT ACCORDING TO A REPORT, "THE SHOOTING IN FRONT OF THE RADIO HAS STRENGTHENED AND CANNONS ARE HEARD."

THE RADIO HAS APPEALED TO THE POPULATION TO PRESERVE CALM AND TO EVADE "SUPERFLUOUS TRAGIC EVENTS" AND TO EVADE BLOODSHED.

RADIO PRAGUE SAID EARLIER (0615 MT) THAT SOVIET TROOPS ON TRUCKS WERE PROCEEDING IN BRNO IN THE DIRECTION FROM THE AIRPORT.

CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION SAID (AT 0730) THAT PRAGUE'S RUZYNE AIRPORT HAS BEEN OCCUPIED.

(RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) - AT 0749 THE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION BROADCAST THE NEWS THAT "THE PRAGUE RADIO BUILDING IS BEING STORMED BY TROOPS."

A WOMAN ANNOUNCER WAS HANDED THE NEWS WHEN READING MESSAGES OF LOYALTY SENT TO CS TELEVISION FROM VARIOUS FACTORIES.

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