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RADIO PRAGUE CONTINUED BROADCASTING UNTIL 0447 THIS MORNING WHEN THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF BREAKS IN TRANSMISSION OCCURRED. THE RADIO SAID IT WAS SURROUNDED.

WHEN IT RECOMMENCED BROADCASTING AN HOUR LATER IT WARNED LISTENERS THAT ANOTHER STATION OF "THE OCCUPYING POWERS/ WAS BROADCASTING AND THAT NO-ONE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THIS BROADCAST.

THE RADIO SAID THAT PRAGUE AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE "OCCUPIED BY THE ARMIES OF THE WARSAW PACT."

LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER RADIO PRAGUE SAID THAT A LISTENER HAD RUNG TO SAY THAT A FOREIGN AIRCRAFT HAD DROPPED LEAFLETS CLAIMING THAT ANTONIN NOVOTNY WAS PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ANNOUNCER ADDED THAT LUDVIC SVOBODA CONTINUED TO REMAIN THE LEGAL PRESIDENT.

IN ANOTHER TRANSMISSION THE RADIO SAID THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A REPORT THAT PRAGUE'S RUZYNE AIRPORT AND THE BUILDING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN OCCUPIED.

AT 0641 M.T. THE RADIO SAID IT HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM PRAGUE'S KARLIN SUBURB SAYING THAT SOVIET TROOPS WERE IN THE STREETS AND THAT CITIZENS "WITH TRICOLORS ARE MARCHING AGAINST THEM."

AT 0735 THE RADIO SAID THAT SOVIET TANKS WERE APPROACHING THE BUILDING AND THAT THERE WAS SHOOTING OUTSIDE.

ELEVEN MINUTES LATER THE RADIO CAME BACK ON THE AIR AND THIS TIME LISTENERS COULD CLEARLY HEAR THE SHOOTING.

AT 0749 THE STATION AGAIN WENT OFF THE AIR BUT FOUR MINUTES LATER IT WAS AGAIN ON THE AIR AND AGAIN SHOOTING WAS AUDIBLE. THE ANNOUNCER APPEALED FOR CALM.

HE SAID THAT THE SHOOTING IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING HAD STRENGTHENED "AND CANNONS ARE HEARD."

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