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IN YET ANOTHER CAST, RADIO PRAGUE SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE CERNINSKY PALACE, HAD BEEN SURROUNDED BY TROOPS.

CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION STUDIO PRAGUE -- CONTINUES TO BROADCAST AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS. ANNOUNCERS HAVE READ DECLARATIONS OF LOYALTY TO THE DUBCEK GOVERNMENT AND TO PARTY AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

ABOUT 0900 M.T. TELEVISION TRANSMITTED PICTURES OF SOVIET ARMORED UNITS AND PARATROOPERS BARRICADING PRAGUE STREETS.

THE FILMS SHOWED SOVIET TANKS PREVENTING ACCESS TO PRAGUE CASTLE AND OTHER UNITS WERE SHOWN ON THE HRADCANSKE NAMESTI SQUARE.

THE FILM ALSO SHOWED THE BUILDING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK C.P. CENTRAL COMMITTEE SURROUNDED BY PARATROOPERS AND ARMORED CARS.

THE BRIDGES ACROSS THE VLATAVA RIVER WERE ALSO SHOWED BARRICADED AND CLOSED TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.

WESTERN NEWSAGENCY CORRESPONDENTS HAD EARLIER REPORTED THE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE CITY AND THESE REPORTS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN THE WESTERN PRESS.

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