

C/S - CETEKA: CROWDS SURROUND TANKS IN BRATISLAVA

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CNR)- SLOVAKS CHANTING LONG LIVE DUBCEK AND LONG LIVE SVOBODA SURROUNDED SOVIET TANKS IN BRATISLAVA THIS MORNING, CETEKA REPORTED IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSMISSION THIS AFTERNOON.

THE AGENCY SAID THE CITY WAS OCCUPIED BY THE TROOPS OF THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND THAT TANKS AND ARMORED CARS AND TROOPS CONTROLLED KEY STREETS AND BRIDGES.

IT SAID THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAD GATHERED IN THE CITY'S MAIN SQUARE TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY PRESIDUM.

THEY SURROUNDED TANKS AND MILITARY VEHICLES, THE REPORT SAID, ADDING: "ONE CAN ONLY HEAR ONE QUESTION - WHY?"

"THE FACES OF THE SOVIET TROOPS REMAIN MOSTLY MUTE AND UNCONCERNED.

"AT THE MEETINGS, CZECHOSLOVAK AND SLOVAK FLAGS ARE TO BE SEEN. PEOPLE DEEPLY MOVED SING HYMNS.

"ON THE FRONTS OF BUILDINGS SLOGANS ARE APPEARING IN RUSSIAN SAYING: 'COMRADES, WHOM DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST?' THEY ARE ALSO WRITING SIMILAR SLOGANS ON THE TANKS.

"FROM THE WINDOWS OF THE PRAVDA OFFICE, SOME OF WHICH ARE SHOT THROUGH AS A RESULT OF DISTURBANCES IN THE MORNING, THEY ARE THROWING OUT SPECIAL EDITIONS OF PRAVDA STRAIGHT FROM THE PRESSES."

CETEKA DESCRIBED THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE CITY AS "TENSE, WAITING FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS."

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