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VIENNA: AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER FRANZ MUHRI SAID THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE INVASION. A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE PARTY WAS TO BE HELD TOMORROW.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR JOSEF KLAUS, IN A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST, APPEALED TO AUSTRIANS TO REMAIN CALM, AND ADDED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF NEUTRALITY.

STOCKHOLM: THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SAID THAT ONCE AGAIN IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY "A FREEDOM MOVEMENT HAS BEEN STOPPED WITH VIOLENCE." THE SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER CARL-HENRIK HERMANSSON SAID THE INVASION HAD COME AS A "GREAT SHOCK."

COPENHAGEN: AFTER A 90-MINUTE CABINET MEETING, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT SAID THAT THE INVASION WAS A TRAGEDY "FOR ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES."

BRUSSELS: A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SAID AFTER A HASTILY-SUMMONED MEETING OF THE NATO PERMANENT COUNCIL THAT THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS BEING KEPT UNDER REVIEW. HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAS SCHEDULED ANOTHER MEETING FOR 1900 MT THIS EVENINGS.

OSLO: NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN LYG SAID THAT EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ATTEMPTS TO DECREASE TENSION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. PRIME MINISTER PER BORTEN SAID THE NEWS CAME AS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT. NORWAY'S CABINET HELD AN EMERGENCY SESSION.

HELSINKI: THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT WAS CALLED INTO SPECIAL SESSION UNDER PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN AT NOON.

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