

X/13 CS - CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION FADING

VIENNA, AUG 21 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA) -- AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION SAID TODAY THAT SOME OF THE REGIONAL TELEVISION RELAY AND BROADCASTING STATIONS ARE BEING OCCUPIED AND TAKEN OVER BY SOVIET TROOPS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY THERE IS NO TELEVISION RECEPTION, IN OTHER PARTS ONLY SOUND BUT NO PICTURE.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION REPORT ALSO DESCRIBED THE TAKE-OVER OF THE PRAGUE RADIO BUILDING BY SOVIET TROOPS. THE SOVIETS CUT ALL TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE CABLES AND LOCKED ALL PREMISES ESSENTIAL FOR BROADCASTING, THE REPORT SAID.

IT SAID THAT IN FRONT OF THE PRAGUE RADIO BUILDING SOVIET TANKS UPROOTED TREES AND CUT DOWN LAMP POLES. THERE WERE COLLISIONS BETWEEN SOVIET TANKS AND CIVILIAN AUTOMOBILES AND THE STREET WAS LITTERED WITH WRECKAGE. ONE SOVIET TANK CAUGHT FIRE AND STILL BURNED, THE TELEVISION ANNOUNCER SAID.

REPORTING FROM BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAK TELEVISION ANNOUNCED THAT A CROWD OF SOME 10,000 PEOPLE HAD ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN THE SLOVAK CAPITAL BUT THE OFFICIALS REFUSED TO RECEIVE SPOKESMAN OF THE CROWD.

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