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C/S -- 1ST ADD CETEKA REPORTS PRAGUE SHOOTING (CN 250) XXX CONDITION

IN A SIDE STREET NEAR THE RADIO BUILDING, THE NEWS AGENCY REPORTED, A PEDESTRIAN ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD WAS SHOT IN THE BACK. HE WAS STILL CONSCIOUS AS THE AMBULANCE TOOK HIM TO HOSPITAL, CETEKA SAID.

PEOPLE FLUNG THEMSELVES TO THE GROUND BEFORE THE SHOOTING OR FLED, CETEKA SAID.

AT 1220 CETEKA SAID A TANK WAS BURNING OUTSIDE ITS BUILDING. ARMORED TROOPS CARRIERS HAD BEEN STANDING OUTSIDE THE BUILDING SINCE BEFORE 1100 MT.

A CIVILIAN ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD, WAS STANDING ON THE FIRST CARRIER TRANSLATING A SPECIAL EDITION OF ZEMEDELSE NOVINY FOR THE SOVIET SOLDIERS. THE PAPERS WERE BEING THROWN FROM THE WINDOW OF THE NEARBY OFFICE OF THE NEWSPAPER.

A LORRY, FULLY LOAD WITH CZECHOSLOVAK CIVILIANS WAS NEAR THE HEAD OF THE LINE OF THREE SOVIET TROOP CARRIERS.

THERE WERE MEN ON THE ROOF OF THE LORRY APPEALING TO SOVIET SOLDIERS TO LEAVE THE STREET. CETEKA SAID SOVIET TROOPS CARRIER DRIVERS PUT THEIR VEHICLES IN REVERSE AND LEFT THE AREA.

FROM BATISLAVA, CETEKA FILED THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH:

"TANKS AND MILITARY VEHICLES ARE CONSTANTLY SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE. ONE CAN ONLY HEAR ONE QUESTION: WHY?

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

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