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C/S - 1ST ADD WESTERN PRESS..... (CN 252) ISSUES

ITALYS COMMUNIST-ORIENTED PAESE SERA HEADLINED OVER ITS ENTIRE NINE COLUMNS: "CZECHOSLOVAKIA OCCUPIED LAST NIGHT BY THE TROOPS OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES (URSS, BULGARIA, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY),. DUBCEK INVITES THE POPULATION TO BE CALM."

ACCOMPANYING THE STORIES WERE EIGHT ONE-COLUMN CUTS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS AND SIX OF THE SOVIET LEADERS.

THE SENSATIONAL MOMENTO-SERA HEADLINED OVER ITS NINE COLUMNS: "RADIO PRAGUE: IT IS THE END,. THEN ONE HEARS SHOTS." IN ITS FIRST EDITION, AND IN THE SECOND: "SHOOTING IN PRAGUE INVADDED BY RUSSIANS." AN EDITORIAL IN BOTH EDITIONS WAS ENTITLED SIMPLY: "BETRAYAL." BOTH PAPERS CARRIED AN AP PHOTO OF SOVIET TANKS LEAVING CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAST JULY.

THE RIGHT-WING GIORNALE DITALIA BANNER HEADLINED: "FIGHTING IN PRAGUE,. BARRICADED IN THE STREETS AGAINST THE RUSSIAN TANKS" IN ITS FIRST EDITION, AND IN ITS SECOND: "BARRICADED IN PRAGUE,. THEY ARE FIGHTING... RUMANIAN ANNOUNCES IT SUPPORTS THE DUBCEK GOVERNMENT."

ONE EDITION CARRIED A FOUR-COLUMN MAP OF THE EAST EUROPE AREA WHILE THE OTHER HAD BOTH THE MAP AND A UPI PICTURE OF SOVIET TANKS IN CZECHOCLOVAKIA LAST MONTH.

AN EDITORIAL IN BOTH EDITIONS WAS ENTITLED "VIOLENCE AGAINST FREEDOM."

MILAN'S CORRIERE DELLA SERA AND IL GIORNO BOTH PUT OUT SPECIAL NATIONAL EDITIONS SINCE NEITHER HAD ANY NEWS ABOUT THE INVASION IN THE EARLY MORNING ISSUES.

CORRIERE, OVER SEVEN COLUMNS, HEADLINED "CZECHOSLOVAKIA INVADDED BY RUSSIAN, POLISH AND GERMAN TROOPS." IL GIORNO, OVER EIGHT COLUMNS, HAD THE HEAD "USSR TROOPS ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA." NEITHER HAD ANY EDITORIAL.

BERLIN, (RFE SPECIAL/WULFF)-- THE FIRST WEST BERLIN NEWSPAPER TO REPORT ON THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS THE INDEPENDENT MORNING PAPER "BERLINER MORGENPOST" WHICH DISTRIBUTED A ONE-PAGE EXTRA ISSUE FREE OF COST.

IN HUGE LETTERS MORGENPOSTS SPECIAL ISSUE SAID "SOVIET ARMY OCCUPIES CZECHOSLOVAKIA" AND GAVE A SUMMARY COMPILED FROM AGENCY REPORTS.

EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, MORGENPOST DISTRIBUTED A SECOND SPECIAL ISSUE IN WHICH IT REPORTED ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON TWO PAGES.

ALSO ON THE FIRST PAGE THE SPECIAL ISSUE CARRIED AN APPEAL TO BERLINERS TO JOIN IN A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION TONIGHT IN FRONT OF CITY HALL. THE PAPER SAID THE FIRST TOURISTS RETURNING FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES.

ON ITS FRONT PAGE THE SPECIAL ISSUE ALSO CARRIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF DUBCEK, SVOBODA AND BRESHNEV MEETING AT CIERNA WITH A CAPTION READING "THEN THEY SMILED."

ON THE SECOND PAGE THE SPECIAL ISSUE GAVE A COMPLETE SUMMARY OF LAST NIGHTS EVENTS WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF CZECHOSLOVAK STATE PRESIDENT SVOBODA.

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