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MUNICH, AUG 21 (CNR)-- THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIS AFTERNOON DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE EAST EUROPEAN TROOPS WHO SEIZED THE COUNTRY EARLY THIS MORNING, AND THE RELEASE OF DETAINED OFFICIALS INCLUDING COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT BROADCAST BY RADIO PRAGUE NAMED THE OTHER DETAINED OFFICIALS AS PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PREMIER OLDŘICH ČERNÍK, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JOSEF SMRKOVSÝ, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FRONT DR. FRANTIŠEK KRIEGL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECH NATIONAL COUNCIL, DR. ČESTMÍR ČISAR.

RADIO PRAGUE ITSELF ALSO DEMANDED IN RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE BROADCASTS THAT THE OCCUPYING TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE. THE RADIO DESCRIBED THE INVASION AS "A TRAGIC MISTAKE" AND AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE CZECHOSLOVAK INTERNAL AFFAIRS "BY MEANS OF CRUDE VIOLENCE."

EARLIER RADIO PRAGUE HAD SAID THERE WAS STILL NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON DUBCEK'S WHEREABOUTS BUT THAT UNOFFICIAL REPORTS SAID THAT HE, SMRKOVSÝ, AND KRIEGL WERE HELD AT CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTER. ČISAR WAS SAID TO BE HELD AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

THIS AFTERNOON, THE PRAGUE CITY COMMUNIST PARTY CALLED ON ALL DELEGATES TO NEXT MONTH'S CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CONGRESS TO MEET IN PRAGUE. RADIO PRAGUE SAID THE DELEGATES WERE TOLD TO COME PREPARED TO BEGIN THE CONGRESS.

EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON, RADIO PRAGUE HAD SAID THAT A PLENARY SESSION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS APPARENTLY GOING TO BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON WITHOUT PRESIDING MEMBERS ALEXANDER DUBCEK, JOSEF SMRKOVSÝ, FRANTIŠEK KRIEGL, AND JOSEF ŠPÁČEK.

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