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X/4 C/S-- 1930 INTRO-- DEAD AND WOUNDED MOUNT

MUNICH, AUGUST 21 (CMD)-- AT LEAST EIGHT PERSONS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE DIED SO FAR IN CLASHES BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKS AND OCCUPYING WARSAW PACT FORCES.

CETEKSA SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT FOUR PERSONS HAD DIED IN PRAGUE AND THAT ANOTHER 180 PERSONS HAD BEEN WOUNDED.

IT SAID IT BASED ITS REPORT ON STATEMENTS BY PRAGUE HOSPITALS. ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, ANOTHER FOUR PERSONS WERE KNOWN TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, ALL OF THEM IN SLOVAKIA.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR PRAGUE DEATHS, ONE MORE PERSON IS SAID BY CETEKSA TO "BE IN DANGER." THE NEWS AGENCY ALSO SAYS THAT ONE SOVIET SOLDIER IS "REPORTED" SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, "PROBABLY" AS THE RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION.

IN PRAGUE, APPEALS HAVE AGAIN BEEN ADDRESSED TO CROWDS MILLING AROUND THE RADIO BUILDING ASKING THEM TO DISPERSE.

AT HRADEC KRALOVE, LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE REPORTED BY A CZECH RADIO STATION BROADCASTING ON 953 KILOCYCLES TO HAVE TRIED TO STOP THE ADVANCE OF POLISH UNITS "WITH THEIR BODIES." LOCAL OFFICIALS THERE, THE STATION SAID, WERE "TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE POLISH TROOPS."

THE 953 KILOCYCLE STATION ALSO SAID THAT FIRES HAD BROKEN OUT ON AT LEAST TWO PRAGUE STREETS AND THAT UNSPECIFIED INSTALLATIONS HAD BROKEN DOWN. IT ADDED THAT NO TRANSPORT WAS MOVING OVER PRAGUE'S SMICHOV BRIDGE.

THE SAME STATION SPOKE ABOUT THE BURNING OF FIVE SOVIET TANKS, QUOTING "PRAGUE SOURCES." EXPLOSIONS COULD BE HEARD IN ITS STUDIOS, BUT THE STATION DID NOT SAY WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED.

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