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A PLENARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED FOR LATER TODAY, BUT THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN NEWS AGENCY CETEKA SAID THAT ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL SOURCES, KEY MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER RESTRICTED MOVEMENT IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING.

AMONG THOSE NAMED AS BEING RESTRICTED WERE THE COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

PRESIDENT SVOBODA, WHO EARLIER TODAY BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO THE NATION FOR CALMNESS AND DIGNITY, WAS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY OCCUPATION FORCES.

ANOTHER CETEKA REPORT SAID THAT COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY CESTMIR CISAR WAS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

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