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X/S - TASS REPORTS HOSTILE SALLIES

MOSCOW, AUG 21 (CMD) -- UPI -- SOVIET FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE BEEN MET WITH ATTEMPTS TO "ORGANISE HOSTILE SALLIES," THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS SAID TONIGHT.

TASS, IN ITS FIRST ACCOUNT OF THE SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT FORCES MOVING INTO CZECH CITIES, SAID THE CZECH POPULATION WAS CALM AND MANY OF THEM WELCOMED THE TROOPS "FOR THEIR TIMELY ARRIVAL TO HELP IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES."

HOWEVER, TASS SAID, "RIGHT-WING, ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES "MOUNTED HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS, INCLUDING "PROVOCATIONS IN THE STREETS, THE CIRCULATION OF MALICIOUS RUMORS AND CONCOCTIONS, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF SLANDEROUS LEAFLETS."

TASS SAID "THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN INCENDIARY STATEMENTS OVER THE RADIO, TELEVISION, AND IN THE PRESS."

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