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C/S -- DUBCEK, OTHERS TAKEN AWAY, SAYS CETEKA

PRAGUE, AUG 21 (UPI)--THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY CETEKA QUOTED TO-NIGHT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND OTHER REFORM LEADERS "WERE TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN PLACE" BY OCCUPATION TROOPS.

THERE WAS NOT RPT NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.

ACCORDING TO A "RELIABLE EYE-WITNESS," DUBCEK, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, NATIONAL FRONT CHAIRMAN FRANTISEK KRIEGEL AND PARTY PRESIDUM MEMBER JOSEF SPACEK "WERE TAKEN AWAY IN AN ARMORED TROOP CARRIER OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS" FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING AT 1400 MT CETEKA SAID.

THE AGENCY ADDED THE EYE-WITNESS REPORT HAD NOT BEEN CONFIRMED SO FAR.

(CMD)-- THE REPORT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF DUBCEK, SMRKOVSKY, KRIEGEL AND SPACEK WAS ALSO BROADCAST BY RADIO CESKE BUDEJOVICE AT 2100 MT.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING HAD BEEN RINGED BY SOVIET TANKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY WHILE DUBCEK AND HIS COLLEAGUES DELIBERATED INSIDE.

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