

C/S - 0730 INTRO - CZECHOSLOVAKIA OCCUPIED

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CNR) -- CZECHOSLOVAKIA LAY FIRMLY IN THE GRIP OF A FIVE-NATION WARSAW PACT INVASION FORCE TODAY, SOME OF ITS REFORMIST LEADERS HELD CAPTIVE AND ITS FEW REMAINING RADIO STATIONS GRADUALLY BEING TAKEN OVER.

SOVIET TROOPS OCCUPIED THE PRAGUE PARLIAMENT BUILDING BUT THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS REPORTED STILL MEETING EARLY TODAY.

RADIO CESKE BUDEJOVICE SAID AT 0117 MT THAT THE ASSEMBLY HAD INVITED MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO ATTEND ITS EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION AT 0900 MT.

SOVIET TANKS RUMBLLED THROUGH THE CAPITAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND RADIO PRAGUE SAID SOON AFTER MIDNIGHT THAT OCCUPATION TROOPS HAD OPENED FIRE WITH TRACER BULLETS IN THE AREA OF WENCESLAS SQUARE.

THERE WERE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES IN THIS INCIDENT BUT AT LEAST EIGHT PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO HAVE DIED AND 180 HAVE BEEN INJURED OR WOUNDED IN PRAGUE IN THE LAST 36 HOURS.

RADIO HRADEC KRALOVE REPORTED EARLY TODAY THAT SIX PEOPLE HAD DIED AND ANOTHER 47 HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE NORTH BOHEMIAN TOWN OF LIBEREC. IT ALSO SAID TWO BOYS WERE SHOT TO DEATH BY OCCUPYING SOLDIERS IN KOSICE YESTERDAY.

CETEK A NEWS AGENCY -- WHICH CONTINUED TO FUNCTION THROUGHOUT THE DAY YESTERDAY AS TROOPS FROM THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA MOVED INTO THE COUNTRY -- CLOSED DOWN JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT SAYING IT HAD BEEN "OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN TROOPS."

SOON AFTER MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME THE SOVIET TROOPS COMMANDER IN PRAGUE BROADCAST AN APPEAL TO CITIZENS TO STAY INDOORS UNTIL 0500 MT. "OTHERWISE INCIDENTS COULD OCCUR."

THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENT MADE REPEATED STATEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY YESTERDAY DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING FORCES AND APPEALING TO THE POPULATION NOT TO OFFER RESISTANCE.

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