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C/S - 1ST ADD - CZECHOSLOVAKIA OCCUPIED (CN 94) XXX RESISTANCE

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE WESTERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA MILITARY REGION ISSUED A STATEMENT LAST NIGHT SAYING AIR FORCE UNITS NEAR PILSEN HAD MADE "A CLEAR DECLARATION THAT THEY WOULD NOT SURRENDER ARMS" AND WOULD NOT GIVE THE OCCUPATION FORCES ANY TECHNICAL OR SUPPLY ASSISTANCE.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE STILL CUT OFF AND ITS FRONTIERS WERE CLOSED. BUT REUTERS AND UPI WERE STILL REPORTING FROM PRAGUE.

RADIO PRAGUE, WHICH CALLED ITSELF "THE LEGAL CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO PRAGUE" YESTERDAY CARRIED REPEATED STATEMENTS SAYING THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY DEMANDED THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING FORCES AND DENYING THE SOVIET CLAIM THAT THE OCCUPYING FORCES HAD BEEN SENT IN AT THE REQUEST OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND STATE OFFICIALS.

RADIO PRAGUE WENT OFF THE AIR AT 0014 MT TODAY SAYING: "WE ARE CLOSING DOWN BECAUSE WE NEED DURING THE NIGHT TO ARRANGE AND STABILISE OUR PROVISIONAL TRANSMISSION SITE.

BUT AT 0125 MT A STATION BROADCASTING IN CZECH ON TWO OF THE FREQUENCIES WHICH HAD BEEN USED BY RADIO PRAGUE GAVE ITS LOCATION AS HRADEC KRALOVE AND SAID SOVIET TANK UNITS WERE REPORTED MOVING FROM THE AIRFIELD INTO THE TOWN.

"WE ARE PROBABLY BY NOW THE ONLY ONES, WE IN HRADEC KRALOVE, TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU," THE BROADCAST SAID.

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