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C/S - 1ST ADD - RADIO PRAGUE BUILDING (CN 106) XXX DIFFICULT

REUTERS SAID SOVIET TANKS SURROUNDED THE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO BUILDING IN PRAGUE THIS MORNING.

THE HRADEC KRALOVE STATION, WHICH HAD BEEN RELAYING PRAGUE PROGRAMMES, REPORTED AT 0535 GMT: "FRIENDS, PRAGUE IS STILL SILENT. WE HAVE NO REPORT FROM THERE."

ANOTHER BROADCAST EARLIER TODAY CARRIED AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM KARVINA, NEAR OSTRAVA THREATENING TO CALL A GENERAL STRIKE IF WARSAW PACT TROOPS DID NOT LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITHIN 24 HOURS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY IN KARVINA, ALSO DEMANDED THAT MR. DUBCEK, PRESIDENT SVOBODA OR ANY OTHER CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT NOT LATER THAN 1800 LOCAL.

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