

CS - 1030 INTRO CZECHOSLOVAK POLITICS

MUNICH, AUGUST 22 (CNR)- THE SOVIET UNION TODAY DENOUNCED CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK AS THE LEADER OF A TREACHEROUS RIGHTWING MINORITY IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDIUUM.

THE CHARGE WAS MADE BY THE SOVIET PARTY PAPER PRAVDA AMIDST REPORTS THAT DUBCEK, AND SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES WERE TAKEN YESTERDAY IN SOVIET ARMORED CARS TO UNKNOWN DETENTION CENTERS.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS TO MEET IN PRAGUE TODAY, WITHOUT PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK AND ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JOSEF SMRKOVSKY, WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN DETAINED.

WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP OUT OF THE WAY AND THE COUNTRY FIRMLY IN THE GRIP OF TROOPS FROM THE FIVE WARSAW PACT NATIONS WHICH INVADED YESTERDAY, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THE SOVIETS WERE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE SUPPORT AMONG WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

ABOUT 50 MEMBERS OF THE 100-MEMBER COMMITTEE MET IN PRAGUE YESTERDAY. A CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO BROADCAST SAID SOME ARRIVED IN THE COMPANY OF SOVIET OFFICERS AND THAT THE SOLDIERS THEN REMAINED AT THE MEETING AS THESE MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THE OTHERS.

THE BROADCAST SAID THE MEETING DECIDED TO ISSUE AN UNSIGNED RESOLUTION WHICH, ALTHOUGH SUPPORTING THE PARTY'S ACTION PROGRAM, DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION THE DETENTION OF DUBCEK, PREMIER CERNIK, ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN SMRKOVSKY AND OTHERS.

THE RADIO SAID THE RESOLUTION HAD ALREADY BEEN CONDEMNED BY THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN USTI NAD LABEM AND THE PARTY PRESIDIUUM OF PRAGUE.

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