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C S - 1100 INTRO CZECHOSLOVAK SHOOTING

MUNICH, AUGUST 22 (CNR)- FRESH SHOOTING WAS REPORTED IN PRAGUE THIS MORNING AS SOVIET TROOPS TIGHTENED THEIR GRIP ON THE CITY.

THE REPORTS OF GUNFIRE IN THE CAPITAL CAME FROM A CZECHOSLOVAK BROADCAST FROM BRNO AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL IN PRAGUE. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.

SOVIET STRENGTH IN THE CAPITAL WAS BOLSTERED LAST NIGHT BY WHAT CETEKA, IN ONE OF ITS LAST TRANSMISSIONS, DESCRIBED AS A REMARKABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TANKS.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF BOTH RADIO PRAGUE AND RADIO BRATISLAVA ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF SOVIET TROOPS, ALTHOUGH STATIONS LOYAL TO PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK CONTINUE TO BROADCAST FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

SOVIET MILITARY POLICE OCCUPIED RADIO PRAGUE AT 0600 MT THIS MORNING, EVICTING THE STAFF AT GUNPOINT. TANKS SURROUNDED THE BUILDING OUTSIDE.

ACCORDING TO THE BRNO STATION, RADIO BRATISLAVA IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN "LEGAL BROADCASTING" TODAY. THIS PRESUMABLY MEANS ITS BROADCASTS WILL HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE INVASION FORCES NOW IN CONTROL OF THE STATION.

THE BRNO STATION ALSO REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK SECRET POLICE - IN COOPERATION WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS - HAD STARTED ACTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS.

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