

THE LIBERAL ABENDZEITUNG OF MUNICH PUBLISHED ON PAGE ONE A PHOTOGRAPH OF A GROUP OF PRAGUE YOUTHS SITTING IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF A SOVIET TANK. A PICTURE ON PAGE TWO SHOWED A SWASTIKA CHALKED ON THE SIDE OF A SOVIET TANK.

THE HUGE PAGE ONE HEADLINE READ "SMOKE CLOUDS OVER PRAGUE; BURNING CARS AS BARRICADES; TANKS RUN DOWN DEMONSTRATORS."

THE NEWSPAPER DEVOTED ITS FIRST NINE PAGES TO THE CRISIS AND ADDED INSIDE A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS WITH LEFT-WING WEST GERMAN WRITERS DENOUNCING THE OCCUPATION.

THIS MORNING'S MASSIVE COVERAGE IN THE PRESS, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED EDITORIALS AND CARTOONS DENOUNCING THE OCCUPATION, FOLLOWED EXTRA EDITIONS ISSUED DURING THE DAY YESTERDAY BY MOST OF THE NEWSPAPERS.

BOTH WEST GERMAN TELEVISION NETWORKS EXPANDED GREATLY THEIR NEWS PROGRAMS LAST NIGHT, ADDED DISCUSSION PROGRAMS AND ALMOST ENTIRELY ELIMINATED ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS. WEST GERMAN RADIO STATIONS ALSO CARRIED EXTRA NEWS PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS.

WEST GERMAN TELEVISION ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BEGIN ITS TELEVISION TRANSMISSIONS AT 1000 MT TODAY BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS. THE PROGRAMS USUALLY BEGIN ON A WEEKDAY IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.

PARIS (RFE SPECIAL/OVADIA) --- THE PARIS NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING GAVE UNPRECEDENTED SPACE TO THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TO ALL NEWS CONNECTED WITH THE SOVIET MOVE.

THE ENTIRE PARIS PRESS, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST DAILY LHKMANITE, FRONT-PAGED PHOTOGRAPHS FROM PRAGUE SHOWING SOVIET TANKS. FURTHER PICTURES ILLUSTRATING THE MILITARY INVASION TOOK UP SEVERAL PAGES OF FIGARO AND LAURE.

HEADLINES ACROSS THE FRONT-PAGES ANNOUNCED "STUPEFACTION AND DISMAY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD" (FIGARO), "PRAGUE DOES NOT BEND" (LAURE), "THE LAW OF THE TANKS" (PARIS JOUR).

EACH PAPER MUSTERED ALL AVAILABLE COMMENTATORS TO ANALYZE THE REASONS BEHIND THE WARSAW PACT MOVE AND ITS REPERCUSSIONS, AGREEING THAT IT MEANT AN END TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

NEWS AND COMMENTS TOOK UP FIVE OR SIX PAGES OF THE SUMMER-THINNED PRESS, TODAY PRACTICALLY ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS.

THE AFTERNOON PAPER FRANCE-SOIR APPEARED THIS AFTERNOON WITH A HEADLINE WHICH COVERED ALMOST THE ENTIRE UPPER HALF OF THE FRONT PAGE AND ANNOUNCED : PRAGUE: ENORMOUS SOVIET REINFORCEMENTS.

ABOVE THIS TITLE APPEARED A BANNER LINE : ALL CZECH LEADERS TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN PLACE".

THE REST OF THE FRONT PAGE WAS TAKEN UP BY A HUGE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING PRAGUE YOUNGSTERS WAVING A CZECHOSLOVAK FLAG IN FRONT OF A BURNING TANK, ABOUT TO BE ABANDONED BY SOVIET SOLDIERS.

ROBERT CLARKE, WRITING FOR FRANCE-SOIR FROM PRAGUE, SAID CZECHOSLOVAK YOUTH DEMONSTRATED LAST NIGHT WITH CZECHOSLOVAK AND BLACK MOURNING FLAGS.

OTHER NEWS AND COMMENT WITH FURTHER PICTURES TOOK UP FOUR INSIDE PAGES OF FRANCE-SOIR.

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