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X/4 C/S -- 2ND ADD FOUR ARMoured CARRIERS BURNED (CN 231) XXX OPINION

TASS BEGAN ITS STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA--  
"ACCORDING TO REPORTS" -- THE SITUATION "REMAINS NORMAL ON THE  
WHOLE."

"INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES," TASS CONTINUED,  
"AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS ARE WORKING AS USUAL. THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
POPULATION, RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF PRESIDENT L. SVOBODA,  
REMAINS CALM, DISPLAYING A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

"THE COMMAND OF THE ALLIED FORCES WHICH KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH  
THE COMMAND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES ARMY HELPS ENSURE THE  
INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST  
STATE."

TASS ADDED:

"AS REPORTED EARLIER, THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES ARE TRYING  
TO DISORGANIZE NORMAL LIFE IN THE COUNTRY AND CREATE COMPLICATIONS  
IN THE HOPE OF STIRRING UP NATIONALISTIC PASSIONS AND HOSTILITY  
TOWARD THE HEALTHY PATRIOTIC FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH ARE  
DEVOTED TO SOCIALISM AND TOWARD FRATERNAL COUNTRIES WHICH CAME TO  
THE AID OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE."

(TASS IN ENGLISH, AUG 22)

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