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X/4 C/S - CZECHOSLOVAK GENERAL STAFF CRITICIZES SOVIETS

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD)- THE CZECHOSLOVAK GENERAL STAFF TODAY CRITICIZED THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CALLED IT "A VIOLATION OF ALL NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

IN A GERMAN LANGUAGE BROADCAST BEAMED ON A 9505 KILOCYCLE WAVELENGTH, A CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATION SAID THE CZECHOSLOVAK GENERAL STAFF CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL "FOREIGN TROOPS" AND THE RELEASE OF "THE INTERNED CZECHOSLOVAK POLITICIANS SO THAT THEY CAN RESUME THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES."

THE RADIO ALSO SAID THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA AND PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

THE RADIO SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF HAVE HAD THEIR PERSONAL ARMS CONFISCATED AND THE BUILDING OF THE GENERAL STAFF HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY OCCUPATION TROOPS, THE GENERAL STAFF WAS STILL ABLE TO MAKE THESE STATEMENTS.

(RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT 9505 KILOCYCLES/F; AUG 22/68; 1250 MT)

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