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X/4 C/S - MARTIAL LAW MAY BE PROCLAIMED IN PRAGUE

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD) - A CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATION SAID THIS AFTERNOON THAT MARTIAL LAW MAY BE PROCLAIMED IN PRAGUE.

SUCH A MOVE BY THE COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES, THE STATION, BROADCASTING ON 9505 KCS, SAID, "WOULD PUT AN END TO THE PARTY CONGRESS."

(CMD - THE EXTRAORDINARY 14TH CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY REPORTEDLY OPENED A FEW HOURS AGO IN PRAGUE.)

THE STATION WENT ON TO CALL ON "ALL PEOPLE IN THE STREETS OF PRAGUE TO DISPERSE IN ORDER "TO PREVENT THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW."

RADIO BRNO SAID MEANWHILE, THAT "A LARGE DEMONSTRATION, ON A CONSIDERABLE SCALE, IS FORMING IN FREEDOM SQUARE," (BRNO)

THE STATION URGED RALLY PARTICIPANTS TO DISPERSE TO PREVENT BLOODSHED.

IT SAID IT HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT OCCUPATION FORCE TANKS WERE RETURNING TO THE INTERIOR OF THE CITY.

RADIO BRNO ALSO SAID THE PARTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE HAD PREVIOUSLY HELD A MEETING WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPATION FORCE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED "THAT IF PEACE AND ORDER ARE MAINTAINED IN THE CITY AND IF NO CROWDS FORM, THE SOVIET TANKS WILL REMAIN ON THE OUTSKIRTS" OF THE CITY. (RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON 9505 KCS/F, AUG 22, 1545 AND RADIO BRNO DOMESTIC/F, AUG 22, 1528)

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