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(UPI)-- "I MUST INFORM YOU THAT THE SITUATION IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC HAS BEEN DETERIORATING AS A RESULT OF THE OCCUPATION OF FOREIGN ARMED FORCES," MUZIK TOLD THE COUNCIL.

"AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS MEETING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA," MUZIK SAID. "THE CONGRESS HAS GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM TO THE SOVIET AND OTHER OCCUPATION FORCES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COUNTRY AND TO RELEASE ALL THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

"IF THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT FULFILLED, A GENERAL STRIKE WILL BE DECLARED IN THE WHOLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA STARTING AT NOON TODAY, MUZIK SAID.

MUZIK SAID NO NEWSPAPERS WERE ISSUED IN PRAGUE THURSDAY EXCEPT SPECIAL EDITIONS OF TWO (SVOBODNE SLOVO AND ZEMEDEL'SKE NOVINY) WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED FREE.

"THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN INFORMED ONLY BY THE FREE RADIO STATIONS OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN PRAGUE, PLZEN, BUDEHOVICE, HRADEC KRALOVE, USTI AND LABEM," HE SAID.

"IN ADDITION TO THE CLANDESTINE STATIONS, THE POSITIONS OF WHICH ARE SECRET, ON THE AIR FROM TIME TO TIME IS ALSO THE OCCUPATION RADIO STATION VLTAVA," HE SAID.

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