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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED FROM PRAGUE TODAY THAT AN UNDERGROUND MIMEOGRAPHED NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTED IN PRAGUE THURSDAY NIGHT CLAIMED THE SOVIETS HAD CHOSEN CANDIDATES FOR A GOVERNMENT.

THE SOVIET MOVE WAS ALSO REPORTED THURSDAY EVENING BY FREE RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONE. BOTH THIS BROADCAST AND THE NEWSPAPER REPORT QUOTED BY UPI NAMED VASIL BILAK, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SLOVAK CP, JOSEF LENART, A PREMIER UNDER NOVOTNY, OLDRICH SVESTKA, CHIEF EDITOR OF RUDE PRAVO, DRAHOMIR KOLDER.

A CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY AND OTAKAR RYTIR, AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT HEAVY TANKS SURROUNDED A CROWD OF THOUSANDS OF CZECHOSLOVAKS ASSEMBLED IN WENCESLAS SQUARE FOR A DEMONSTRATION THURSDAY NIGHT. THE CROWD KISPERSED.

UPI SAID THE BIGGEST SINGLE CONCENTRATION OF ARMOUR -- 20 TANKS AND 20 ARMoured CARS -- WAS OUTSIDE THE PRAGUE TELEVISION COMPLEX NEAR THE MAIN RAILROAD STATION.

CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER DR. JIRI HAJEK ARRIVED IN A SPECIAL PLANE FROM VIENNA LATE LAST NIGHT FROM LJUBLJANA, YUGOSLAVIA.

HE WAS MET ON HIS ARRIVAL IN VIENNA BY THE CZECHXSLOVAK AMBASSADOR, DR. PAVEL NOVOTNY. WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED THAT DR. HAJEK WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE BY SCHEDULED FLIGHT VIA FRANKFURT TO NEW YORK FOR THE UN SESSION.

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