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C/S - NAMES OF NEW C.C. BROADCAST

PRAGUE, AUGUST 23 (REUTER) - CLANDESTINE PRAGUE RADIO STATIONS THIS MORNING BEGAN BROADCASTING THE NAMES OF MORE THAN 100 NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED AT A SECRET MEETING OF MORE THAN 1,000 OF THE ORIGINAL 1,500 NOMINATED DELEGATES.

THE NEW COMMITTEE LIST IS HEADED BY ALEXANDER DUBCEK.

THEORETICIAN CESTMIR CISAR AND DEPUTY PREMIER OTA SIK, THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC SPECIALIST WHO DRAFTED THE ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAMME, IS ALSO HIGH UP ON THE LIST.

LEOPOLD HOFMAN, HEAD OF THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS STILL APPARENTLY IN SESSION, HAS APPEALED TO OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR TO DISOBEY SOVIET COMMANDS TO ARREST CZECHOSLOVAKS.

THE SOVIET OCCUPYING FORCES HAVE PRESENTED THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR WITH A LONG LIST OF NAMES OF POLITICIANS, WRITERS, INTELLECTUALS AND KEY INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL FOR ARREST AND A PRAGUE FREE RADIO STATION THIS MORNING BROADCAST AN APPEAL "DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES CARRY OUT THIS ORDER."

HOFMAN SAID IN A RADIO MESSAGE THAT HE HAD THE NAME OF THE LIEUTENANT OF SECURITY ENTRUSTED WITH THE ARRESTS.

"IF YOU GO AHEAD AND CARRY OUT THIS TASK, I SHALL PUBLISH YOUR NAME TO THE WORLD," HE THREATENED.

PRAGUE APPEARED QUIET THIS MORNING.

THERE WAS SOME SPORADIC SHOOTING BY TANKS IN WENCESLAS SQUARE DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING BUT NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. IT APPEARED THE RUSSIANS FIRED THE SHOTS AS A WARNING.

RUSSIAN TANKS AND SOLDIERS ARE STILL ON THE STREETS BUT SOME TANKS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM WENCESLAS SQUARE TO A NEARBY VEHICLE PARK. BMCG/DJG/HE-4R 1228/68 A