

CN 176

X/13 CURT - 1ST ADD - STRIKE OVER (CN - 175) X X X SHIP

(DPA/GND) - DURING THE STRIKE PRAGUE LOOKED LIKE A GHOST TOWN. THOUSANDS OF PERSONS MOVED INTO PASSAGES, HOUSE ENTRANCES AND HOTELS.

THE OCCUPYING SOVIET TROOPS FIRED INDIVIDUAL WARNING SHOTS INTO THE AIR.

(REUTER) IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY WHERE THOUSANDS STOOD IN DOORWAYS CHANTING "DUBCEK, DUBCEK," A SOVIET ARMoured CAR RACED ALONG A STREET FIRING INTO THE AIR.

THE STRIKE HAD BEEN CALLED BY THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS YESTERDAY IF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS DID NOT RPT NOT WITHDRAW BY MIDDAY.

DJG/MBW/HE

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