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C/S -4TH ADD - INTRO - CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION (CN 228) XXX TROOPS

DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES PROTESTING AGAINST THE INVASION WERE HELD LAST NIGHT IN ROME, LEGHORN, MILAN AND SEVERAL WEST GERMAN CITIES INCLUDING WEST BERLIN AND FRANKFURT.

IN OTTAWA, SOVIET PRESS ATTACHE VLADIMIR MAKHOTIN WAS PUNCHED IN THE BACK BY A YOUTH OUTSIDE THE SOVIET EMBASSY DURING A NOISY DEMONSTRATION BY ABOUT 150 CANADIAN CZECHOSLOVAKS.

DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN PARIS LAST NIGHT SANG THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ANTHEM, OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE AND LATER MARCHED THROUGH THE CITY CHANTING "RUSSIAN TANKS BACK TO MOSCOW."

DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ALSO HELD IN ARNHEM, HOLLAND, AND IN LONDON, WHERE DEMONSTRATORS SET FIRE TO A TIMBER HOUSE AT A SOVIET EXHIBITION.

IN NEW DELHI TODAY, UPROAR BROKE OUT IN PARLIAMENT OVER THE INDIAN UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION'S ABSTENTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S VOTE CONDEMNING THE SOVIET'S FOR THE INVASION. SOCIALIST AND RIGHTWING OPPOSITION MEMBERS SHOUTED "LONG LIVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA" AND "LONG LIVE DUBCEK" FOR 20 MINUTES. THEY DEMANDED TO KNOW WHY INDIA HAD NOT SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL RECONVENES TODAY AT 1700 LOCAL (2200 MT) TO CONTINUE DEBATE ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

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