

CN 300

ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED

CS - 1ST ADD THE RADIO STATIONS SLOWLY SILENCED (CN 299) XXX MINUTE

A REPORT FROM A FREE STATION IN BRATISLAVA SAID "THE SITUATION IS SHARPENING-- THERE IS A CURFEW AND THERE ARE FOOD PROBLEMS."

ANOTHER VOICE, IN WEAK TONES, APPEALED: "TELL CZECHS ABROAD TO STAY ABROAD. DONT LET THEM COME BACK -- LET THEM REMAIN IN SAFETY WHERE THEY ARE."

AN UNIDENTIFIED STATION CARRIED A REPORT FROM THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY, TASS, THAT MR ALEXANDER DUBCEK, THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, WILL BE POLITICALLY NEUTRALISED.

BUT THE REPORT REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT THE TIMES OF STALINISM ARE OVER.

ANOTHER STATION SAID A SOVIET TRAIN APPROACHING PRAGUE FROM OLOMOUC WITH RADIO JAMMING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD HAD BEEN BARRED BY SHUNTING ENGINES LEFT ON THE LINE.

ALTHOUGH SOVIET SOLDIERS ARE METHODICALLY SILENCING THE CLANDESTINE STATIONS THE OCCUPATION FORCES HAVE NOT YET ISSUED RADIO INSTRUCTIONS ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY.

MEANWHILE, YOUNG MEN WERE ROAMING THE STREETS OF PRAGUE TONIGHT REMOVING STREET NAMES FROM BUILDINGS TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR OCCUPATION FORCES TO IDENTIFY STREETS.

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