

C/S -- HOW DUBCEK TOOK THE NEWS

PRAGUE AUG 23(UPI)-- A PRAGUE UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER TODAY PUBLISHED AN ACCOUNT OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIA PARTY PRESIDIUUM THAT TOLD OF ALEXANDER DUBCEK'S BITTERNESS WHEN HE LEARNED OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF HIS COUNTRY.

THE ACCOUNT, WHICH THE NEWSPAPER, RUDE PRAVO, SAID WAS WRITTEN BY AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE PRESIDIUUM, SAID DUBCEK HAD TEARS IN HIS EYES AND HE SAID:

"I HAVE DEDICATED MY WHOLE LIFE TO COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION. WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO ME IS THE TRAGEDY OF MY LIFE."

THE ACCOUNT SAID THAT BEFORE THE NEWS OF THE INVASION CAME, THERE WAS AN EFFORT BY ALOIS INDRA AND DRAHOMIR KOLDER TO UNSEAT DUBCEK. IT SAID THEY ATTACKED HIM WITH ARGUMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE CONTAINED IN THE WARSAW LETTER OF LAST MONTH.

AT 11.40, THE WRITER SAID, PREMIER OLDRICH CERNIK WAS SUMMONED TO THE TELEPHONE. HE RETURNED SHORTLY AFTER AND ANNOUNCED THE "TROOPS OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT ARE CROSSING OUR BORDERS."

THE WRITER SAID THAT "AS FAR AS I COULD SEE, (VASIL) BILAK, KOLDER AND INDRA DIDN'T SEEM TO BE SURPRISED. I THINK THE SAME CAN BE SAID OF (OLDRICH) SVESTKA."

HE SAID THAT AT THAT TIME DUBCEK BROUGHT IN A LETTER WHICH HAD ARRIVED FROM THE SOVIET PARTY CHIEF, LEONID BREZHNEV, AND HAD NOT BEEN READ TO THE FULL PRESIDIUUM UP TO THEN.

HE SAID IT CONTAINED MOST OF THE POINTS MADE IN THE WARSAW LETTER AND SAID THAT "OUR PARTY WAS LETTING COUNTER REVOLUTION GAIN STRENGTH," THE ACCOUNT SAID.

HE SAID DUBCEK REACTED TO THE REPORT OF THE INVASION AND SAID: "BY MY HONOR AS A COMMUNIST I DECLARE THAT I HAD NOT THE FAINTEST IDEA THAT ANYONE WANTED TO DO THIS TO US."