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C/S -- SHOOTING IN PRAGUE REPORTED (ATT<sup>B</sup>RIBUTION REQUIRED)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CNR/AGENCIES)-- CORRESPONDENTS REPORTED FROM PRAGUE EARLY THIS MORNING THAT THERE HAS BEEN SHOOTING IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

THE WEST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA SAID THE DISTURBANCES BEGAN AROUND 2000 MT AND THAT THE HEAVIEST FIRING WAS HEARD ABOUT 2300.

THREE STAFF CORRESPONDENTS FOR UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL FILED DISPATCH<sup>E</sup>S ON THE SHOOTING.

ONE, JAMES JACKSON, SAID HE WAS IN THE US EMBASSY WHEN SMALL ARMS FIRE STARTED IN THE STREETS OUTSIDE. HE SAID THE EMBASSY GUARDS TURNED OFF LIGHTS IN THE BUILDING AS A SECURITY MEASURE AND THAT HE COULD SEE TRACER BULLETS PASSING BY OUTSIDE.

UPI CORRESPONDENT TERENCE ANDREW SAID HE WATCHED THE FIRING FROM THE HOTEL ALCROM JUST OFF WENCESLAS SQUARE, AND UPI CORRESPONDENT DAVID MAZEL REPORTED FROM HIS ROOM IN THE HOTEL YALTA JUST OFF THE SQUARE THAT THERE WAS SHOOTING IN SIDE STREETS IN THE VICINITY.

A SIMILAR REPORT WAS FILED TO PARIS BY THE PRAGUE CORRESPONDENT OF THE RADIO STATION EUROPE NUMBER ONE.

THE FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIOS ALSO REPORTED THE SHOOTING.

FREE RADIO PRAGUE SAID AT 2330 MT THAT SHOTS COULD BE HEARD IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. AN ANNOUNCER FOR THE RADIO CAUTIONED HIS LISTENERS: "WE AGAIN REPEAT THAT YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT GIVE PRETEXTS FOR THE OCCUPATION FORCES, REASONS FOR SHOOTING. STAY AT HOME OR AT YOUR PLACES OF WORK."

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