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C/S -- TALKS CONTINUE TODAY (0630 INTRO)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CNR)-- URGENT TALKS ON THE CZECHOSLOVAK CRISIS CONTINUE TODAY IN MOSCOW, PRAGUE AND AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA IS TO MEET AGAIN WITH KREMLIN LEADERS AFTER DISCUSSIONS FRIDAY WHICH TASS SAID WERE HELD IN A "FRANK COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE."

IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS SESSION SINCE FRIDAY MORNING.

AND IN NEW YORK, THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DEBATE THIS AFTERNOON ON A CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND A SPECIAL UN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK CAPITAL TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF DETAINED CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

EARLY TODAY SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JACOB MALIK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT SVOBODA WAS IN MOSCOW DISCUSSING "A SETTLEMENT" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION. HE SAID NO INTERFERENCE WOULD BE ACCEPTED, AND DENOUNCED THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL AS A NEFARIOUS WESTERN PLOT.

THE DEBATE RESUMED SOON AFTER CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK, WHO HAD ESCAPED HIS COUNTRY'S INVASION, ARRIVED FROM BRUSSELS. DEPUTY PREMIER OTA SIK, WHO ALSO WAS OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN THE WARSAW PACT INVADED, CABLED THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT HAJEK REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY.

FROM PRAGUE THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF SHOOTING AND OF THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW.

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