

X/4 C/S -- DANUBE REPORTS SLOVAK PRESIDUM TAKEN AWAY

(ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED)

MUNICH, AUG 24, (CMD)-- THE FREE CZECHOSLOVAK STATION CALLED DANUBE TODAY REPORTED THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS IN BRATISLAVA LAST NIGHT ARRIVED AT THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND TOOK AWAY ALL MEMBERS OF THE SLOVAK PRESIDUM.

RADIO DANUBE'S STATEMENT ON THE EVENT READ:

"LAST NIGHT, SHORTLY AFTER 2000 (MT) HOURS THE COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS IN BRATISLAVA ARRIVED AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY.

"HE ARRIVED ON THE DEEP STREET (A ROAD CUT IN A HILL) IN A BRIGHT COLORED VOLGA CAR WITH THE SOVIET EMBLEM, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ARMoured VEHICLE AND TWO TANKS. HE CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY WHO WERE MEETING WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

"AFTER A SHORT STAY HE LEFT TOGETHER WITH THE ENTIRE PRESENT PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. UNFORTUNATELY SO FAR WE HAVE HAD NO RPT NO REPORT ON THEIR FURTHER FATE. AS SOON AS WE LEARN SOMETHING WE WILL INFORM YOU."

RADIO DANUBE ALSO REPORTED THAT "THE UNINVITED GUESTS" HAVE THOUGHT THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE ENDED IN ONE DAY. NOW THE PORTRAITS OF SVOBODA AND DUBCEK ARE LOOKING AT THEM FROM THE WINDOWS, FROM THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND WALLS.

THE RADIO THANKED THE POPULATION FOR FOLLOWING ITS APPEALS AND SLOGANS, AND THEN SAID: "THE SLOGANS LIKE 'WE ARE IN FAVOR OF SVOBODA AND DUBCEK', 'NOBODY HAS INVITED YOU' AND OTHERS CAN NOT RPT NOT BUT BE SEEN BY THE RUSSIAN SOLDIERS."

(RADIO DANUBE /M, AUG 24, 0543)