

X/13 CS - WEST GERMAN PRESS PLAY

MUNICH, AUGUST 24 (GND/MACDONALD)- CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAIN DOMINATED THE WEST GERMAN PRESS TODAY.

PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA'S NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW AND THE ONE-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAPTURED THE MAIN HEADLINES.

THE CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG DEVOTED ALMOST ITS ENTIRE FRONT PAGE TO THE PRAGUE CRISIS AND REACTIONS TO IT. IT ALSO RAN THREE EDITORIALS ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CRISIS.

THE LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG FRONT - PAGED AN AGENCY PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT SVOBODA RIDING IN AN OPEN CAR THROUGH MOSCOW WITH SOVIET LEADERS LEONID BREZHNEV, NIKOLAI PODGORNYY AND ALEXEI KOSYGIN. ITS MAIN HEADLINE READ: "PRESIDENT SVOBODA STRUGGLES IN MOSCOW FOR WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPATION TROOPS". FOUR OF ITS FIVE EDITORIALS DEALT WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK SITUATION.

ANOTHER LIBERAL NEWSPAPER, THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG, PUBLISHED A FRONT-PAGED CARTOON SHOWING A SCOWLING AND UNSHAVEN BREZHNEV, CLAD IN A RED ARMY UNIFORM AND CARRYING A RIFLE, SITTING ON A PROSTRATE DUBCEK. IT WAS CAPTIONED SIMPLY "SOVIET FRIENDSHIP".

THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF HAMBURG SPLASHED THE HEADLINE "CRISIS REACHED HIGH POINT".

THE LIBERAL FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU, WHICH GAVE ITS ENTIRE FRONT PAGE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS, CARRIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF CZECHOSLOVAK CUSTOMS OFFICERS ON THE WEST GERMAN BORDER PUTTING UP A NOTICE ANNOUNCING THAT THEY WERE TAKING PART IN YESTERDAY'S STRIKE.