

C/S - TALKS TO CONTINUE (1230 INTRO)

MUNICH, AUG 24 (CNR) - CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET TALKS WERE SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN MOSCOW TODAY WHILE AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONTINUES ITS EMERGENCY SESSION ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE ONLY SOVIET MEDIA REFERENCE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION IN MOSCOW TODAY CAME IN A RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST WHICH SAID IN ONE SENTENCE: "THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA LUDVIK SVOBODA CONTINUES IN MOSCOW. THE PROMINENT STATE AND MILITARY LEADER ARRIVED IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY FOR TALKS WITH PARTY AND STATE LEADERS OF THE USSR."

THREE CZECHOSLOVAK "FREE" RADIO STATIONS BROADCAST REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK AND PREMIER CERNIK ARE NOW IN MOSCOW AND ONE OF THE STATIONS, RADIO FREE NORTH SLOVAKIA, SAID THAT THE TWO WERE TAKING PART IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET TALKS.

RADIO FREE PRAGUE QUOTED THE FREE SLOVAK RADIO IN NITRA AS SAYING THAT THE TWO WERE "WITH THE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW." IT SAID THEY HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO MOSCOW BEFORE THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ARRIVED.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE RESUMING AT 1630 M.T. WILL CENTRE AROUND A CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO SEND A SPECIAL U.N. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK CAPITAL TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF DETAINED CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALREADY DENOUNCED THIS PROPOSAL AS A WESTERN PLOT.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER DR JIRI HAJEK WHO IS IN NEW YORK FOR THE DEBATE, SAW U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT FOR AN HOUR EARLY TODAY. HE SAID LATER HE HAD SPOKEN WITH U THANT ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND HE ADDED THAT HE WAS CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS AND AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON WHEN TO GO BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

AT LEAST FOUR FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATIONS WERE AUDIBLE IN MUNICH THIS MORNING AND CORRESPONDENTS IN PRAGUE FOR REUTERS, DPA AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL FILED DISPATCHES. (MORE) BMCG/HE 1229/6

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