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A REUTER CORRESPONDENT WHO REACHED PRAGUE TODAY AFTER A 160 KILOMETRE DRIVE FROM THE AUSTRIAN FRONTIER REPORTED THAT MANY HOUSES ALONG THE ROAD BORE PATRIOTRIC SLOGANS.

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT AS HIS CAR DREW NEARER PRAGUE, HE PASSED CONVOYS OF ITALIAN AND RUMANIAN CARS CARRYING TOURISTS HOMEWARD.

THE UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN TRACER BULLETS AND COULD HEAR HEAVY FIRING OVERNIGHT.

A SOVIET REFERENCE TO THE 14TH EXTRAORDINARY PARTY CONGRESS WHICH MET IN PRAGUE ON THURSDAY CAME IN A PRAVDA ARTICLE TODAY. IT WARNED THE CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO CONVENED THE CONGRESS THAT THEY FACED PUNISHMENT FOR THEIR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES."

IT SAID THAT CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNISTS DEVOTED TO THE IDEAS OF SOCIALISM WOULD NOT ALLOW "MURKY PERSONALITIES" TO "GRAB THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE."

THE PRAVDA ARTICLE PRAISED BY NAME VASIL BILAK, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SLOVAK PARTY AND A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION NOW IN MOSCOW AND OLDRICH SVESTKA, EDITOR OF RUDE PRAVO. IT SHARPLY ATTACKED PARTY IDEOLOGIST CESTMIR CISAR, REPORTED FRIDAY TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM DETENTION.

PRAVDA ALSO ATTACKED THE YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG FOR TRANSMITTING MATERIAL ISSUED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMMUNISTS. IT SAID THAT TANJUG HAD TAKEN UPON ITSELF A DUBIOUS ROLE AS AN ADVERTISING AGENCY FOR THE "ILLEGAL" CZECHOSLOVAK CONGRESS. (MORE) BMCG/HE / AUG 24 1245/68 &