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"IVAN GO HOME" WAS THE MOST POPULAR MESSAGE PRINTED ON THE PAPER FLAGS PINNED TO LAPELS.

IN MANY COUNTRY VILLAGES THERE WERE HASTILY ERECTED SINGPOSTS POINTING HOPEFULLY NORTHEAST AND SAYING SIMPLY: "MOSCOW 2,500 KSM.

REUTER CORRESPONDENT VINCENT BUIST ENTERED THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE SOVIET ARMOUR SURROUNDED IT ON WEDNESDAY.

DEPUTIES THERE WERE IN PERMANENT SESSION AND STICKING TO TWO MINIMUM DEMANDS:

1. WITHDRAWAL OF ALL OCCUPATION FORCES.
2. RELEASE OF ALL DETAINED POLITICAL LEADERS.

AFTER A NIGHT OF SPORADIC SHOOTING PRAGUE WAS GENERALLY QUIET TODAY. CLANDESTINE RADIOS REPEATEDLY URGED THE POPULATION TO RESIST THE INVASION WITHOUT PROVOKING THE OCCUPYING TROOPS. T

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ROAD SIGNS HAVE BEEN TORN DOWN, WRENCHED AROUND, OR PAINTED OUT TO CONFUSE THE RUSSIANS. STREET SIGNS HAVE BEEN TORN DOWN IN PRAGUE.

IN WENCESLAS SQUARE EVERY SHOP WINDOW IS PLASTERED WITH CRUDELY DRAWN POSTERS SAYING "LONG LIVE DUBCEK," "LONG LIVE SVOBODA," "LIBERTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND NEUTRALITY," AND "SOVIET AGGRESSORS OUT."

THE SIMPLEST AND MOST STRIKING POSTERS SHOW THE RED STAR OF THE KREMLIN INTERTWINED WITH HITLERS SWASTIKA.

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