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C/S - MORE SHOOTING REPORTED (1315 INTRO)

MUNICH, AUGUST 25 (CNR) - WESTERN NEWS AGENCY CORRESPONDENTS AND FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATIONS REPORTED FROM PRAGUE TODAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN FRESH SHOOTING OVERNIGHT AND DURING THE MORNING. IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THESE WERE WARNING SHOTS INTO THE AIR OR DIRECTED FIRE.

THE REPORT FROM RADIO FREE PRAGUE REFERRED TO SHOOTING AIMED AT ENFORCING OBSERVANCE OF THE CURFEW WHICH ENDED AT DAWN.

CORRESPONDENTS FOR REUTERS AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL CARRIED STORIES JUST BEFORE NOON MUNICH TIME WHICH REFERRED TO GUNFIRE.

THE UPI CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT IN WENCESLAS SQUARE THIS MORNING, NEAR THE SVOBODNE SLOVO NEWSPAPER, TROOPS TOOK A YOUTH INTO CUSTODY WHO WAS PAINTING SLOGANS ON THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK AND TOOK HIM TO AN OFFICE WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY SOVIET TROOPS.

LATER SHOTS WERE HEARD IN THE SQUARE, UPI SAID, BUT ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WHETHER THEY CAUSED ANY CASUALTIES.

UPI QUOTED RADIO FREE PRAGUE BROADCASTING AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE CAPITALS AMBULANCE DRIVERS TO RESPOND ONLY TO SPECIFIC EMERGENCY CALLS. IT SAID THE RADIO SAID THAT SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES HAD OPENED FIRE ON AMBULANCE CARS DRIVING THROUGH THE CITY.

PRAGUE AMBULANCE CARS AND FIRST AID CARS ARE CLEARLY MARKED.

"AMBULANCE WORKERS, STAY AT YOUR BASES AND DRIVE OUT ONLY IF YOU ARE CALLED TO SPECIFIC LOCATIONS. THE OCCUPATION FORCES HAVE OPENED FIRE ON AMBULANCE CARS," THE RADIO SAID ACCORDING TO UPI.

THE REUTERS CORRESPONDENTS SAID THAT CHURCHGOERS IN CENTRAL PRAGUE THIS MORNING FOUND THEIR CHURCHES LOCKED AND EMPTY.

REUTERS ALSO SAID THAT RUSSIAN OFFICIALS WENT TO SOME CHURCHES IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY THIS MORNING AND ORDERED OUT THE WORSHIPPERS. THEY THEN ORDERED THE CHURCH DOORS TO BE LOCKED. REUTERS SAID THAT HAPPENED TWO MINUTES AFTER 1100 LOCAL TIME, WHEN MAIN MORNING SERVICES HAD JUST BEGUN.

THE AGENCY ALSO REPORTED THAT FRESHLY ARRIVED TROOPS HAD RIPPED DOWN POSTERS AND OBLITERATED OTHERS SIGNS OF SUPPORT FOR THE DUBCEK GOVERNMENT.

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