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X/4 C/S - RADIO SAYS TASS REPORT A FABRICATION

MUNICH, AUG. 25 (CMD)- THE PRESIDUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY HAS SAID A TASS STATEMENT YESTERDAY ABOUT ALLEGED APPEARANCE OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES IN PRAGUE WAS AN "UTTER FABRICATION."

THE STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDUM WAS BROADCAST BY THE RADIO STATION CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY.

THE RADIO SAID (FULL TEXT):

"WE HAVE FOR YOU THE FOLLOWING REPORT: YESTERDAY, MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST A TASS STATEMENT ACCORDING TO WHICH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, MOSTLY IN CARS, ALLEGEDLY APPEARED IN PRAGUE. ACCORDING TO THE SAME REPORT, SOVIET TROOPS RENDERED THEM HARMLESS, (TOOK THEIR) ARMS, AND DURING THE SEARCH FOUND LEAFLETS OF INCITING CHARACTER, ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALSO HEAVY MACHINEGUNS.

"THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS TAKEN A STANDPOINT WITH REGARD TO THIS REPORT. WE SHALL READ OUT TO YOU THE TEXT OF THE STANDPOINT:

"IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BEYOND DOUBT THAT THE TASS STATEMENT IS AN UTTER FABRICATION. THE FACT IS THAT SOVIET OCCUPATION TROOPS ARE FIRING IN PRAGUE STREETS WITHOUT WARNING; FIRING NOT ONLY AT INNOCENT PEDESTRIANS WHO HAD FAILED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES BEFORE THE EVENING CURFEW HOUR, BUT THEY ALSO ARE FIRING AT CIVILIAN CARS.

"REPORTS ARE BECOMING WIDESPREAD THAT THE OCCUPATION ARMY IS PREPARING AN EXHIBITION OF ARMS WHICH IS TO BE OPENED AT THE REVOLUTION SQUARE (NAMESTI REVOLUCE), AND THE ARMS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED FROM COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES.

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