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C/S - 1ST ADD - MORE SHOOTING REPORTED (CN 95) XXX GOVERNMENT

(UPI) LOUDSPEAKERS BLARED RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE PROPAGANDA AND SOVIET POPMUSIC THAT WAS DROWNED OUT BY THE JEERS OF PRAGUE CITIZENS GATHERED IN THE CITY'S CENTRAL WENCESLAS SQUARE.

HUNDREDS FLED TO ALLEYWAYS AND SIDE STREETS WHEN THE WHISTLING AND JEERING BEGAN, AND MORE FLED WHEN RANDOM SHOTS WERE FIRED. BUT SEVERAL THOUSAND REMAINED IN THE SQUARE, AND ON GROUP OF ABOUT 20 YOUNG STUDENTS SAT DOWN ON A CURB A FEW YARDS FROM ARMORED CARS.

THE LOUDSPEAKER, MOUNTED ON A VEHICLE NEAR A CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS AND TANKS, SAID THAT PARTY LEADER ALEXANDER DBECK AN PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA WOULD RETURN TODAY TO PRAGUE.

"WE ARE HERE AS YOUR FRIENDS", IT SAID. THAT BROUGHT JEERS.

BETWEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS IT PLAYED MUSIC.

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