

C/S -- SOVIET TROOPS SEARCH FOREIGN CARS

MOSCOW, AUG 25 (UPI)-- SOVIET TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE STOPPED AND SEARCHED CARS WITH FOREIGN LICENSE PLATES BECAUSE "SUCH CARS ARE USED BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING ARMS," THE TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID TONIGHT.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CONTAINED IN A TASS DISPATCH FROM PRAGUE BY THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY'S CORRESPONDENTS.

TONIGHT'S TASS STORY BEGAN FLATLY:

"THE REACTIONARY ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES CONTINUE THEIR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN AN EFFORT TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION TO THE UTMOST."

"UNTIL NOW SOVIET PRESS REPORTS HAVE SAID THEY WERE UNDER STRICT ORDERS NOT TO SHOOT AND TO SHOW THE CZECHOSLOVAKS THEY WERE IN THEIR COUNTRY "NOT AS OCCUPIERS BUT AS BROTHERS."

"ACTIONS OF A PROVOCATIVE NATURE ARE BEING TAKEN IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, IN PRAGUE IN PARTICULAR," TASS REPORTED.

IT SAID "SHOTS COULD BE HEARD IN PRAGUE LAST NIGHT."

AN ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO SABOTAGE THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY BUT HAD BEEN THWARTED BY WARSAW PACT TROOPS, IT SAID.

"WEAPONS--SUBMACHINE GUNS, MACHINE GUNS AND ANTI-TANK GUNS--WERE DISCOVERED AND CONFISCATED," THE REPORT SAID.

MOSCOW TELEVISION TONIGHT SHOWED FILMS OF SOVIET TROOPS WITH STRONG TANK SUPPORT MOVING INTO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BUILDING IN PRAGUE AND CARRYING OUT CASES OF "ANTI-TANK SHELLS, RIFLES AND AMMUNITION."

THE TASS CORRESPONDENTS SAID THEY WERE SHOWN "A WELL-CAMOUFLAGED RADIO TRANSMITTING CENTER "WHICH HAD BEEN DISCOVERED EARLIER."

"NOBODY HERE DOUBTS ANY LONGER THAT THE HOSTILE ACTS OF RECENT DAYS PROVE THAT LONG AND THOROUGH PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN MADE BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES," THE TASS REPORT SAID.