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REUTERS AND UPI REPORTED THAT THE SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS WERE FRESH TROOPS BROUGHT INTO PRAGUE SUNDAY TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL UNITS WHICH HAD COME IN DURING THE INVASION.

UPI SAID THE NEW UNITS INCLUDED POLES, WHO APPARENTLY MOVED INTO THE CITY SATURDAY NIGHT.

WESTERN AGENCIES REPORTED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN PRAGUE SUNDAY WAS MORE TENSE THAN ON PREVIOUS DAYS. UPI AND REUTER CORRESPONDENTS SAID SOVIET TROOPS FIRED SHOTS ABOVE THE CROWD IN WENCESLAS SQUARE DURING THE DAY, AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISPUTES CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF ANTI-SOVIET POSTERS.

(REUTERS SAID SHOTS WERE SENT WHISTLING OVER A CROWD THAT BECAME ANGRY AFTER THE RUSSIANS ARRESTED A CZECHOSLOVAK STICKING UP ANTI-SOVIET POSTERS.

THE TROOPS ALSO WENT AROUND WENCESLAS SQUARE USING KNIVES TO RIP DOWN POSTERS COVERING EVERY SHOP WINDOW.

BUT IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THEM CAME YOUNG CZECHOSLOVAKS PUTTING UP FRESH POSTERS.

ONE COMMENT WAS DAUBED ON THE ROOF OF A MANGLED CAR IN WHICH A WOMAN DIED WHEN A RUSSIAN TANK SMASHED INTO IT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE INVASION. IT READ: "A MONUMENT TO SOVIET CULTURE."

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