

CN 29''''

CS - EMBASSY FIRE CAUSED BY OVERHEATED MACHINE (RELEADS CN 25)

PRAGUE, AUG 26 (UPI)- FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE ROOF OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SOVIET-OCCUPIED PRAGUE EARLY TODAY, BUT OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS NOT CAUSED BY HOSTILE ACTION.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THE FIRE WAS UNDER CONTROL. HE SAID THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY HEAT FROM A MACHINE USED TO BURN CLASSIFIED WASTE PAPERS.

IT BURNED THROUGH TO THE ATTIC SECTION OF THE CENTER PORTION OF THE THREE-STORY STUCCO BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN PRAGUE.

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