

CN 227 ATTRIBUTION REQUIRED

CS - 2230 INTRO - MOSCOW TALKS CONTINUE

MUNICH, AUG 26 (CNR) - THE MOSCOW TALKS BETWEEN SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAKIAN LEADERS ARE CONTINUING TONIGHT, ACCORDING TO FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO.

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THE RADIO SAID THAT AS SOON AS THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT RECEIVED WORD THAT THE TALKS HAD ENDED, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE.

UP TO 2200 MT, THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT ON FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATIONS MONITORED IN MUNICH. NOR HAD THERE BEEN ANY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SOVIET NEWS MEDIA.

ALSO ABSENT FROM SOVIET OR CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS REPORTS TO-DAY HAS BEEN ANY REFERENCE TO YESTERDAY'S UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE LEADERS OF EAST GERMANY, POLAND, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA WERE TO GO TO MOSCOW, OR WERE ALREADY THERE, TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS.

IN PRAGUE, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS MEETING AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM RADIO FREE CENTRAL BOHEMIA.

FREE CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO REPORTED TONIGHT THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW, WHICH HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED EARLIER, WOULD DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY SINCE THE OCCUPATION.

IT WOULD ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSALS THAT PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, WHO LEADS THE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW, SHOULD RETURN TO PRAGUE AND THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN PRAGUE, THE RADIO REPORT SAID.
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