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C/S -- 21 KILLED IN PRAGUE, SAYS MAYOR

MUNICH, AUG 27 (CNR)--TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE DIED IN PRAGUE IN THE FIRST FIVE DAYS OF THE OCCUPATION, THE CITY'S MAYOR, LUDVIK CERNY, TOLD A MEETING OF THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

CERNY'S STATEMENT WAS REPORTED IN A BROADCAST BY RADIO CZECH-SLOVAKIA, WHICH SAID THAT ITS OWN INQUIRIES HAD SHOWN THAT THE DEATH TOLL HAD NOW RISEN TO 22.

CERNY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT 340 PRAGUE CITIZENS HAD NEEDED HOSPITAL TREATMENT, AND 110 OF THESE HAD BEEN DETAINED.

BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO GIVE EXACT FIGURES, SAID THE RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORT, BECAUSE SOME OF THE INJURED OR DEAD WERE BEING HIDDEN BY OCCUPATION FORCES.

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