

CS - CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAITS RETURN OF LEADERS (MORNING INTRO)  
PRAGUE , AUG 27 (REUTER/UPI)-THE TENSION OF RECENT DAYS  
EASED IN PRAGUE THIS MORNING AS THE NATION AWAITED THE RETURN OF  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S LEADERS FROM MOSCOW.

SOVIET TROOPS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE EVACUATED THE GOVERNMENT  
PRESIDIUM BUILDING AND OTHERS NEAR BY OVERNIGHT, RETURNING THEM TO  
THE CONTROL OF CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES.

THERE WAS NOTICEABLY LESS HEAVY ARMOUR AT BRIDGES AND STRATEGIC  
POINTS IN THE CITY CENTRE.

ALTHOUGH UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED ONE BURST OF GUNFIRE  
IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS, THE NIGHT GENERALLY  
PASSED QUIETLY WITHOUT THE RATTLE OF RUSSIAN MACHINE GUN  
FIRE WHICH HAS SHAKEN WENCESLAS SQUARE ON PREVIOUS EVENINGS.

WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED THAT  
LARGE SCALE MOVEMENTS OF TANKS AND TRUCKS OCCURRED IN  
PRAGUE AFTER DARK. WITNESSES REPORTED SEEING ONE LONG COLUMN OF  
TANKS MOVING AWAY FROM THE CENTER OF THE CITY TOWARD THE SOUTH-  
EAST. ANOTHER 40-TANK UNIT THAT HAD BEEN PARKED IN ORNATE OLD  
TOWN SQUARE PULLED OUT LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

UPI'S CORRESPONDENT SAID THERE WAS NO WAY OF TELLING HOW  
FAR OUT OF PRAGUE THE SOVIETS WERE PULLING THE UNITS OR IF THEY  
WOULD RETURN.

RADIO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA ANNOUNCED THAT SOVIET OCCUPATION  
FORCES HAD CLOSED ALL ROADS LEADING INTO AND OUT OF PRAGUE.

THE RADIO SAID THE SOVIET MOVE WAS APPARENTLY  
AIMED AT STOPPING OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK  
COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE FROM REACHING THE CAPITAL FOR  
A COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO THE SOVIET TROOPS STILL SHOWED WITH  
SLOGANS AND POSTERS SUPPORTING MR. DUBCEK AND RIDICULING THE  
RUSSIANS CONTINUING TO APPEAR ON BUILDINGS, AND IN SHOP WINDOWS  
THROUGHOUT PRAGUE.