

CN 90.

C/S - 2ND ADD - LEADING MEMBERS (CN 75) XXX DELEGATION

SOME SOVIET ARMORED CARS AND PERSONNEL CARRIERS CONTINUED TO MOVE ABOUT THE STREETS OF PRAGUE AS WELL. THERE WERE SEVERAL COLUMNS OF ARMORED CARS PARKED DOWN SOME SIDE STREETS, INCLUDING THE ONE THAT RUNS PAST THE U.S. EMBASSY.

BUT THE BULK OF THE TANK FORCE THAT HAD BEEN SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY CENTER WAS GONE, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME 20 STILL PARKED ON A LETNA PLAIN ABOVE THE CITY, WHERE THE STATUE OF STALIN ONCE HAD STOOD.

UNITS OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAD BEEN MOVED FROM THE OLD CITY, BUT SOVIET SOLDIERS STILL WERE WALKING IN THE STREETS AND THERE WAS CONTINUED MOVEMENT OF SOVIET VEHICLES.

ONLY A FEW CROWDS GATHERED IN THE CENTRAL WENCESLAS SQUARE, WHERE TENS OF THOUSANDS HAVE JEEERED AT THE OCCUPATION TROOPS DAILY SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL A WEEK AGO.

THERE WAS A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF ARMORED CARS NEAR THE AIRPORT. RUSSIAN SOLDIERS TURNED AWAY TRAFFIC APPROACHING THE AIRPORT AFTER CHECKING CARS FOR LEAFLETS.

ELSEWHERE TRAFFIC MOVED UNHINDERED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE SOVIET TANKS ROLLED IN AUG. 21.

THE TANKS AND ARMORED CARS THAT HAD GUARDED THE BUILDING OF CTK, THE CZECH NEWS AGENCY, WERE GONE. BUT SOME SOLDIERS COULD BE SEEN INSIDE THE HALL OF THE BUILDING.

TANKS WERE ALSO CLEARED FROM BRIDGES, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN PARKED SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF THE INVASION.

MOST OF THE MANY TROOPS STILL MOVING IN THE CITY WERE RIDING IN ORDINARY, UNARMORED TRUCKS WITH THEIR MACHINE GUNS.

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