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C/S - RELEAD CZECHOSLOVAKS MARCH (CN - 120)

PRAGUE, AUG. 28, REUTER -- FIVE TRUCKS PACKED WITH SOVIET INFANTRY ROLLED INTO THE PARLIAMENT SQUARE HERE TODAY AND STOOD BY AS STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED "TELL US THE TRUTH" AND "WE WANT FREEDOM."

BUT THE RED ARMY MEN HAD NO EXPLOSIVE SITUATION TO COPE WITH. ONLY A FEW HUNDRED STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE PROTEST MARCH BEHIND THE NATIONAL FLAG FROM WENCESLAUS SQUARE TO THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

STUDENTS LEADERS BEGGED THE CROWD NOT TO TAKE PART IN PROVOCATIVE DEMONSTRATIONS BUT TO GET BACK TO WORK.

"DONT GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO INTERVENE AND TELL THE WORLD OUR GOVERNMENT CANNOT RUN THE COUNTRY," ONE SPEAKER SAID.

IN A MOOD OF UTTER DEJECTION, YOUNG GIRLS AND BEARDED STUDENTS SAT WITH THEIR HEADS CLASPED IN THEIR HANDS OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

THERE IS GROWING REALISATION HERE THAT THE ONLY WEAPON THE CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE AGAINST THE MIGHTY RED ARMY AND ITS ALLIES IS NATIONAL UNITY.

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