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"THE INTELLECTUALS AND ARTISTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS ARE AFRAID OF PERSECUTION... CULTURAL LIFE IS AT A STANDSTILL ...",

"VOLKSSTIMME" REPORTED FROM PRAGUE.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF PRAGUE IS MORE OR LESS BACK TO NORMAL BUT THERE WAS STILL SHOOTING ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT IS IN CONTROL OF CIVILIAN LIFE BUT THIS IS "ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE COIN".

" THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN SHOWS MILITARY VEHICLES, SUPPRESSION OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, THE OCCUPATION OF EDITORIAL OFFICES, THE FEAR OF PERSECUTION, THE HALF-ILLEGAL PRINTING OF PAPERS, JOURNALISTS LIVING UNDERGROUND", "VOLKSSTIMME" WROTE.

THE "VOLKSSTIMME" REPORTER HAS PAID A VISIT TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING IN PRAGUE AND DESCRIBED ITS "GHOST-LIKE EMPTINESS".

"IT IS A SORT OF PEACE YOU CANNOT TRUST... MOST OFFICES ARE HALF EMPTY, MANY COMRADES ARE STILL MISSING", "VOLKSSTIMME" WROTE. N

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