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CS - 2ND ADD. - AFTERNOON INTRO - SOVIET COMMENTS (CN 57)

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WHILE TODAY'S PRAVDA COVERAGE CONTAINED NO NEW REPORTS OF VIOLENCE, THE CORRESPONDENTS CHARGED THAT "ANTI-SOCIALIST" FORCES WERE "CONTINUING ATTEMPTS TO COMPLICATE THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION OF LIFE IN THE COUNTRY."

(THE SOVIET UNION HAS SAID IT WILL WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS GRADUALLY AS THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA "NORMALISES").

ONE EXAMPLE THEY GAVE WAS REPORTS SPREADING THROUGH PRAGUE OF LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS OF INTELLECTUALS BY OCCUPIERS.

"THE AIM OF THE PROVOCATEURS IS AS CLEAR AS DAYLIGHT -- NOT ONLY TO SPREAD FEELINGS OF HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE FRATERNAL ARMIES BUT TO CREATE A MOOD OF PANIC AMONGST PART OF THE INTELLIGENTSIA," THE "PRAVDA" CORRESPONDENTS ADDED.

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