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C/S - SCHOOLCHILDREN ASKED TO AVOID INCIDENTS (W/CN 57)

PRAGUE, SEPT. 2, REUTER -- PRAGUE SCHOOLCHILDREN AND STUDENTS STREAMING BACK AFTER THE HOLIDAYS WERE ORDERED TODAY TO KEEP SILENT AND AVOID FORMING BIG GROUPS WHEN THEY PASSED SENSITIVE POINTS IN THE CITY.

THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPUTY PREMIER FCANTISEK HAMOUZ WERE BROADCAST OVER AN EARLY MORNING NEWS BULLETIN.

HE TOLD THE CHILDREN TO GIVE ABSOLUTELY NO CAUSE FOR SOVIET REACTION OUTSIDE THE PRAGUE RADIO BUILDING AND THE STATUE OF KING WENCESLAS IN PRAGUE'S MAIN SQUARE.

THE WENCESLAS MONUMENT, DRAPED WITH BLACK FLAGS AND THE NATIONAL COLOURS, HAS BEEN MADE BY STUDENTS INTO A CANDLE-LIT SHRINE FOR CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO WERE KILLED DURING THE INVAGION OF PRAGUE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS WARNING WAS REPEATED DIRECTLY TO THE CHILDREN OF THE CITY'S SCHOOLS BY THEIR TEACHERS THIS MORNING.

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