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1401 : NIGHTLEAD CZECH (SCHEDULED):

BY VINCENT BUIST

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AUG. 21 (REUTERS)--A A STORM OF ANTI-RUSSIAN PROTEST SWEEPED CZECHOSLOVAKIA TONIGHT IN THE WAKE OF RUSSIAN INVASION.

PRAGUE APPEARED ON THE BRINK OF BLOODY STRIFE AS FOUR PERSONS WERE SHOT AND KILLED AND 180 WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH RUSSIAN TROOPS IN THE CAPITAL.

CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS WERE MEANWHILE SILENCED BY THE LIGHTENING SWOOP OF RUSSIAN, BULGARIAN, POLISH, EAST GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN TROOPS AND TANKS.

OUTSIDE PRAGUE RADIO YOUNG CZECHOSLOVAKS THREW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT RUSSIAN TANKS AND SHOOTING FLARED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY.

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FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS THE DULL THUMP OF HEAVIER WEAPONS--PROBABLY MORTARS--WAS HEARD IN THE CENTER OF THE CAPITAL BUT THE TARGET WAS UNKOWN.

VIOLENCE ALSO BROKE OUT IN BRATISLAVA, THE CAPITAL OF SLMVAKIA. TWO MEN WERE KILLED THERE BY RUSSIAN BULLETS THREE OTHERS WOUNDED.

IN KOSICE, EASTERN SLOVAKIA, A 17-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS KILLED AND THREE PERSONS WOUNDED IN CLASHES WITH RUSSIAN TROOPS PASSING THROUGH THE TOWN.

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THE CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CALLED ON SOVIET TROOPS TO WITHDRAW AND DENOUNCED THE OCCUPATION AS "A COMPLETE VIOLATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK SOVEREIGNTY."

AT THE SAME TIME IT URGED CZECHOSLOVAKS NOT TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE AGAINST THE OCCUPATION TROOPS, AN ACT WHICH IT SAID THE RUSSIANS MIGHT USE TO JUSTIFY THEIR INTERVENTION.

IT HINTED THAT THEY MIGHT DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPPOSITION BY STAGING A GENERAL STRIKE.

ANOTHER DECLARATION SIGNED BY 11 MINISTERS IN THE DUBCEK GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONS LEGALLY-ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL BODIES.

"WE CONSIDER THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CARRIED OUT WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT, AS AN ILLEGAL ACT AT VARIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM," THE DECLARATION SAID.

NEITHER DUBCEK NOR OTHER TOP MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT WERE AMONG THE SIGNATORIES, INDICATING THEY WERE ISOLATED FROM THEIR COLLEAGUES.

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