



## Socialism Realised

Life in Communist Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989

### Stay Tuned

**Záznam vysílání Československého rozhlasu v noci ze dne 21. srpna 1968/**

**A recording of a broadcast on Czechoslovak Radio from the night of 21 August 1968.**

Czechoslovak Radio has been trying to broadcast the statement from the Presidium of the Central Committee since before two in the morning. All transmitters that we have available have been gradually been knocked out of commission. At the moment we don't know how much of that information you've heard. Needless to say, we don't even know if you, our listeners, are hearing us and listening to as right now. Nevertheless, we want you to stay calm. We'll wait for the instructions from our government and the board of our national assembly. Even though several telephone lines have even cut off from our building, even though foreign planes have been flying over the Czechoslovak Radio building since two in the morning. We remain convinced that you're going to behave well in whatever demonstration where you're going in a moment, or that you're going to work right now and you're going to try to do what is necessary at your workplace. This is really the only possible resolution at this time.

Dear friends, in these hours that are so far the most difficult test of our homeland and of every citizen of our republic, we must say again that we here at the Czechoslovak Radio assembly here in our building on Vinohradska street in Prague entirely stand behind the President of the republic, the legal government, and the Presidium of the Communist Party Central Committee with Alexander Dubček at its head. The Party Presidium will continuously be in session.