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C/S - PRAVDA MAN DENIES SVOBODA ARRESTED

MOSCOW, AUG 22, REUTER -- A TOP SOVIET COMMENTATOR DENIED AS AN OUTRIGHT LIE TODAY REPORTS THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY SOVIET TROOPS.

PRAVDA COMMENTATOR YURI ZHUKOV, SPEAKING ON TELEVISION, SAID MR. SVOBODA, WHOM WESTERN REPORTS HAVE DESCRIBED AS BEING CONFINED IN PRAGUES HRADCANY CASTLE, "HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED. THIS IS AN OUTRIGHT LIE."

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