

X/4 C/S - 1ST ADD - SVOBODA EJECTS KOLDER (CN - 88) XXX TRAITOR

ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAK BROADCAST THIS MORNING, OVER THE FREQUENCY OF 953 KILOCYCLES, SAID SVOBODA YESTERDAY ISSUED AN ORDER WHICH SAID "THE COMMAND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY IS CONTINUOUSLY IN CONTACT WITH ME AND ALL BASIC MEASURES ARE ISSUED WITH MY APPROVAL.

THE TEXT OF THE ORDER:

PRAGUE, 22 AUGUST 1968. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GIVEN ORDER AND INSTRUCTIONS THE TROOPS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY HAVE FULFILLED THE TASKS ASSIGNED THEM. THE COMMANDING STAFF HAS UNDERSTOOD THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND BY ITS CALM, PRUDENCE, AND FIRMESS OF COMMAND IT HAS PREVENTED INCIDENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE LED TO BLOODSHED. THE COMMAND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY IS CONTINUOUSLY IN CONTACT WITH ME AND ALL BASIC MEASURES ARE ISSUED WITH MY APPROVAL. THE COMMAND OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY IS IN CONTACT WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMAND OF THE ALLIED FORCES. IT IS DOING EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THAT NO RPT NO CONFLICTS ARISE WHICH MIGHT DISTURB PEACE AND ORDER. BY THIS IT STRIVES TO CONTRIBUTE TO CREATING MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR SOLVING THE COMPLICATED POLITICAL SITUATION. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE COMMANDERS, POLITICAL ORGANS, AND PARTY ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL LEVELS WILL CORRECTLY UNDERSTAND THIS ORDER AND INSURE ITS INTRODUCTION IN THE CONSCIENCE AND ACTIVITY OF THE TROOPS. I RELY ON THE POLITICAL MATURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL ARMY MEMBERS. I BELIEVE THAT IN THE FUTURE, TOO, THE ARMY MEMBERS WILL NOT RPT NOT LET THEMSELVES BE MOVED TO INCONSIDERATE ACTIONS WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE THE INTERESTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO FULFILL THE ORDERS ISSUED BY ME WITH THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY AND PRUDENCE.

SIGNED: THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC,
ARMY GEN LUDVIK SVOBODA. (CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO/F; 0536, AUG 23)

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