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C/S - 2ND ADD - SVOBODA ARRIVES IN MOSCOW (CN 181) XXX ADVANCE

(UPI)- SVOBODA'S AIRCRAFT WAS ESCORTED BY A SQUADRON OF SOVIET FIGHTERS, A COURTESY GESTURE MADE FOR WELCOME VISITORS BY THE SOVIET AIR FORCE.

THE ROUTE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE KREMLIN WAS CROWDED WITH FACTORY WORKERS AND OTHER SPECTATORS STANDING ALONG THE SIDEWALKS OR IN TRUCKS.

SQUADS OF SOLDIERS EQUIPPED WITH WALKIE TALKIES ALSO PATROLLED THE ROUTE.

THE SPECTATORS WAVED SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK FLAGS.

SECURITY IN THE AIRPORT AREA WAS VERY TIGHT.

WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS WERE BARRED AND ONLY INVITED COMMUNIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALLOWED IN THE LANDING AREA.

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