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MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD) -- GENERAL LUDVIK SVOBODA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S PRESIDENT, FLEW INTO MOSCOW TODAY AND IMMEDIATELY DROVE TO THE KREMLIN IN A CAR WITH SOVIET PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV, PRESIDENT NIKOLAI PODGORNYY AND PREMIER ALEXEI KO SYGIN.

TASS SAID IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE "FRIENDLY VISIT" OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK HEAD OF STATE THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DEFENSE MINISTER MARTIN DZUR, SLOVAK PARTY CHAIRMAN VASIL BILAK, CENTRAL BOHEMIAN PARTY CHAIRMAN JAN PILLER, JUSTICE MINISTER BOHUSLAV KUCERA, CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY ALOIS INDRA AND DEPUTY PREMIER GUSTAV HUSAK.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, TASS SAID, WAS TO "DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST."

THE ARRIVAL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKS AT MOSCOW'S VNUKOVO AIRPORT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EXPRESSIONS OF "HEARTFELT WELCOME" BY "NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIVES OF MOSCOW WORKING PEOPLE." TASS ALSO SAID THAT THE "GUESTS" WERE "WARMLY GREETED BY MUSCOVITES" AS THEY WERE DRIVEN INTO MOSCOW.

BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM PRAGUE, PRESIDENT SVOBODA HAD TOLD CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT HE WAS GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION OF HIS OWN FREE WILL FOR DIRECT TALKS WITH THE "HIGHEST REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION," AND THAT HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA TONIGHT.

HE URGED HIS FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN TO MAINTAIN PRUDENCE. HIS BRIEF ADDRESS WAS CARRIED BY RADIO "FREE" PRAGUE.

ANOTHER CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO STATION, DESCRIBING ITSELF AS "THE FREE LEGAL TRANSMITTER ON THE DANUBE" SAID THAT THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRYING THE PRESIDENT HAD STOPPED OVER AT BRATISLAVA BRIEFLY TO PICK UP DOCTOR HUSAK.

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