

X/4 C/S - 2ND ADD - SVOBODA'S MOSCOW VISIT (CN 294) XXX TODAY

REUTERS SAID THAT GENERAL SVOBODA HAD BEEN GIVEN A FULL CEREMONIAL WELCOME WHEN HE ARRIVED IN MOSCOW.

THE 70-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT WAS GREETED AT MOSCOW AIRPORT BY THE SOVIET UNION'S THREE LEADING POLITICAL FIGURES, COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF LEONID BREZHNEV, PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN, AND PRESIDENT NIKOLAI PODGORNYY.

THE SOVIET LEADERS AND THE GENERAL, REUTER SAID, STOOD WAVING TOGETHER IN THE BACK OF AN OPEN AUTO AS THEY DROVE FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE KREMLIN.

FLAGS OF BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA DECORATED STREETS ALONG THE ROUTE, WHICH WAS LINED WITH APPLAUDING CROWDS.

AT THE AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONY AN ARTILLERY SALUTE WAS FIRED FOR GENERAL SVOBODA WHO IS ONE OF THE FEW FOREIGNERS TO HOLD THE TITLE "HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION."

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE SAID THAT THE MANY MUSCOVITES LINING THE PRESIDENT'S ROUTE TO THE KREMLIN WAVED SMALL SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK FLAGS IN SIGN OF WELCOME.

SOME YOUNG PEOPLE ALONG THE ROUTE, THE FRENCH AGENCY SAID, HELD HIGH PLACARDS WITH THE SLOGAN, "LONG LIVE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES."

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