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VIENNA, AUG 31 (RFE SPECIAL/KOSTRBA)- LACK OF INFORMATION AND SPREADING OF RUMOURS WAS DEPLORED BY AUSTRIAN RADIO CORRESPONDENT PETER HOFER IN HIS SATURDAY NOON BROADCAST FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK CAPITAL.

QUESTIONED BY THE AUSTRIAN RADIO CENTRAL NEWS ROOM ABOUT ARRESTS AMONG THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS, HOFER SAID THAT NO CONFIRMATION IS AVAILABLE FOR REPORTS ON DETENTIONS AMONG CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLECTUALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, "PROMINENT POLITICAL PERSONALITIES ARE LIVING UNDERGROUND", HOFER SAID.

ON SATURDAY MORNING, MOST OF WHAT HOFER CALLS "HALF-ILLEGAL NEWSPAPERS" APPEARED IN PRAGUE, INCLUDING AN ILLEGAL EDITION OF "RUDE PRAVO."

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