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X/4 C/S - NO CULTURAL WORKERS ARRESTED

PRAGUE, SEPT 2 (REUTER) - JIRI LEDERER, A LEADING PROGRESSIVE JOURNALIST, DENIED TODAY THAT ANY CZECHOSLOVAK "CULTURAL WORKER" HAD BEEN ARRESTED SINCE THE WARSAW PACT INVASION.

SPEAKING ABOUT A MEETING WITH CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA, PRIME MINISTER OLDRICH CERNIK AND CULTURE MINISTER MIROSLAV GALUSKA, HE SAID "WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO TELL THE PEOPLE NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH EVEN IF WE CANNOT TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH."

(CMD) LEDERER AND FOUR OTHER ARTISTS REPORTED ABOUT THEIR MEETING WITH THE STATE AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA.

ONE OF THE ARTISTS NOT RPT NOT IDENTIFIED BY THE RADIO SAID "IT IS NECESSARY TO SAY FRANKLY THAT VARIOUS RUMORS ... ABOUT A MASS DEPARTURE OF OUR PEOPLE FROM THE CSSR, PEOPLE OF THE PEN, PEOPLE OF THE ARTS, JOURNALISTS, THAT THEY ARE VERY OFTEN MERELY GOSSIP."

THE OPERATION DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF CZECHOSLOVAK TRANSPORT AIRPORTS, ZDENEK GABRIEL, TODAY SAID THAT TEN OF THE FOURTEEN MAIN CIVIL AIRPORTS IN HIS COUNTRY ARE STILL OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN TROOPS, RADIO CENTRAL BOHEMIA REPORTED.

THE RADIO SAID GABRIEL "TODAY INFORMED A CETEKA CORRESPONDENT ON THE EFFORTS TO RESTORE CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

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