

X/4 C/S - ZHUKOV COMMENTS ON TROOPS IN C/S

MUNICH, AUG 21 (CMD) -- YURY ZHUKOV SAID IN THE SOVIET PARTY DAILY, PRAVDA, TODAY THAT THE TASS STATEMENT ON THE DECISION OF THE USSR AND OTHER ALLIED GOVERNMENT ON "THE ASSISTANCE TO THE FRATERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE INCLUDING THE ASSISTANCE WITH ARMED FORCES" WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE SOVIET PUBLIC.

RADIO MOSCOW QUOTED ZHUKOV AS SAYING THE STATEMENT "WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SOVIET PUBLIC AS A PROOF OF THE GREAT SOLICITUDE FOR THE PROTECTION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCIALISM.

"RELYING ON THE FRATERNAL SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE COMMUNISTS AND WORKERS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA OFFER A CRUSHING RESISTANCE TO THE FORCES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION, DEFENDING FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR HOMELAND, AND HER SOVEREIGNTY," ZHUKOV ADDED.

ZHUKOV MADE A LENGTHY ANALYSIS OF WHAT HE CALLED THE CALCULATION AND MISCALCULATION OF THE ENEMIES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE "WHICH ALL THE TIME AFTER THE MEETINGS IN CIERNA NAD TISOU AND IN BRATISLAVA MADE ALL EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE REALIZATION OF THE LARGE-SCALE PROGRAM OF ACTION IN DEFENSE OF SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS, A FORMULATED IN THE BRATISLAVA DECLARATION."

ACCORDING TO ZHUKOV "THE IMPERIALISTS CLEARLY OVERESTIMATED THE STRENGTH OF THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES AND BELIEVED THAT THEY WILL SUCCEED EITHER WITH ARMS OR PEACEFULLY TO TAKE POWER."

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