

X/9 C/S - POLISH PRESS ATTACKS CZECHOSLOVAKIA (W/CN 40)

WARSAW, AUG 21 (REUTER) - LEADING POLISH NEWSPAPERS TODAY ACCUSED CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF FAILING TO HONOUR OBLIGATIONS IT UNDERTOOK TO QUELL "ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES" AND TO HALT PRESS ATTACKS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ORTHODOX EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES.

THE COMMUNIST PARTYS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, TRYBUNA LUDU, SAID AGREEMENT TO STOP MUTUAL POLEMICS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS TAKEN AT A SIX-NATION SUMMIT AT BRATISLAVA LAST AUGUST 3 BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ITS FIVE CRITICS.

UNFORTUNATELY, WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF THE MEETING, ELEMENTS WHOSE MAIN AIM WAS TO ATTACK AND CREATE DISTRUST ABOUT OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WERE CONTINUING THEIR ACTIVITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH FULL FREEDOM, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

TRYBUNA LUDU CITED ATTACKS ON THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND IN LITERNARNI LISTY, THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS NEWSPAPER, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

IT ALSO RECALLED CRITICISMS OF THE WARSAW TREATY BY CZECHOSLOVAK GENERAL VACLAV PROHLIK, LATER DISMISSED FROM A KEY PARTY POST, AND THE ALLEGED PERSECUTION OF 99 CAR FACTORY WORKERS WHO WROTE TO THE SOVIET PARTY NEWSPAPER, PRAVDA, SUPPORTING THE PRESENCE OF WARSAW PACT TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON RECENT MANOEUVRES.

PRAGUES FAILURE TO KEEP THE OBLIGATION TO HALT POLEMICS AROUSED ANXIETY AND INDICATED "THE GROWTH OF ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIGNATORIES OF THE BRATISLAVA AGREEMENT, AND THEIR UNDERESTIMATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION," TRYBUNA LUDU SAID.

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