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C/S - 1ST ADD - SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS (CN 115) XXX SAID

(UPI)--THE SOVIETS SAID TODAY THE SHORT-LIVED FREEDOM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS HAD THREATENED "THE VERY FOUNDATIONS" OF COMMUNISM IN EASTERN EUROPE.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA, IN AN ARTICLE JUSTIFYING RUSSIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION AGAINST THE REFORMIST PRAGUE REGIME, SAID "IDEOLOGICAL SABOTEURS" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NEWS MEDIA CAUSED "ANXIETY" IN NEIGHBORING WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY WESTERN SPECIALISTS HOW TO "DISORIENT PUBLIC OPINION AND DISCREDIT THE COMMUNIST PARTY" AND "ALL THIS COULD NOT BUT CAUSE GROWING ANXIETY IN HUNGARY BULGARIA, POLAND, EAST GERMANY AND IN OUR COUNTRY," IZVESTIA SAID.

IT SINGLED OUT PROFESSOR ZBIGNIEW BREZINSKI OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, A ONE TIME U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERT, AS ORGANIZER OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" ACTIVITIES. IT SAID BREZINSKI VISITED PRAGUE THIS YEAR "TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALIST" ON WAYS TO "WRECK THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

"IT IS SURPRISING WHAT A RESPONSE THESE IDEAS RECEIVED IN THE PROGRAMS OF CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO AND TELEVISION," IZVESTIA SAID. "DEFAMING EVERYTHING THAT WAS DONE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY BECAME THE IDEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLE OF ALL ACTIONS OF THE ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES AND...THE BEARER AND THE PROPAGANDIST OF THESE IDEAS TURNED OUT TO BE MANY CZECH NEWSPAPERS, THE RADIO AND TELEVISION."

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