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C/S - 3RD ADD PRAVDA ACCUSES DUBCEK (CN 123) XXX STATES

THE PRAVDA DOCUMENT SAID:

"THE DEFENCE OF SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT ONLY THE INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY, BUT IS A PROBLEM OF THE DEFENCE OF THE POSITIONS OF WORLD SOCIALISM....

"RENDERING FRATERNAL, INTERNATIONALIST SUPPORT TO OUR CZECHOSLOVAK COMRADES...WE ARE FULFILLING OUR INTERNATIONAL DUTY TOWARDS THEM, TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST, WORKERS AND NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

"FOR US THIS DUTY TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER EVERYTHING," IT CONCLUDED.

THE REST OF THE 13,000-WORD DOCUMENT, WHICH COVERED TWO PAGES OF SMALL PRINT IN PRAVDA, RELATED THE HISTORY OF THE KREMLINS DISPUTE WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY SINCE MR. DUBCEK CAME TO POWER IN JANUARY.

APART FROM MR. DUBCEK HIMSELF, SEVERAL OTHER PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS WERE ATTACKED BY NAME, MOST OF THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SOVIET PRESS.

THEY INCLUDED FELLOW PRESIDIUM MEMBERS MR. JOSEF SPACEK AND MR. FRANTISEK KRIEGL; DEPUTY PREMIER DR. OTA SIK, FATHER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC REFORMS; PARTY SECRETARY CESTMIR CISAR, THE PARTYS TOP IDEOLOGICAL EXPERT; AND FOREIGN MINISTER DR. JIRI HAJEK.

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