

CN 161

C/S - 6TH ADD PRAVDA ACCUSES DUBCEK (CN 160) XXX PARTY

"THE PARTY FOUND ITSELF AT THE TRESHOLD OF LEGALIZING FACTIONAL GROUPINGS AND DISINTEGRATING INTO AUTONOMOUS, LOOSELY CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS," PRAVDA SAID.

IT CONTINUED:

"THE MASSIVE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY FOR ROUTING PARTY CADRES ALSO TENDED TO UNDERMINE ITS GUIDING ROLE. CRITICISM OF INDIVIDUAL LEADERS HAD GROWN INTO AN INDISCRIMINATE DEMAND FOR MASS REMOVAL OF PARTY LEADERS. AN ATMOSPHERE OF REAL POGROM AND MORAL EXECUTION OF CADRES WAS CREATED.

"APART FROM A SHARP WEAKENING OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND POLITICAL WORK, THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP ACTUALLY HANDED OVER CONTROL OVER MASS MEDIA TO THE RIGHT-WING AND ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES. MANY NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TELEVISION WERE ACTUALLY AT THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN GROUPINGS PURSUING CLEARLY ANTI-SOCIALIST AIMS."

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