

C/S - EAST BERLIN CLAIMS PLOT TO "TEAR AWAY" CSSR (W/CN 153)

EAST BERLIN, AUG, 22 REUTER - A SEMI-OFFICIAL EAST BERLIN NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY THAT PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN MADE "TO TEAR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AWAY FROM THE SOCIALIST FAMILY."

THE BERLINER ZEITUNG, EXPLAINING THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SAID ACTION TO PREVENT THIS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AT THE REQUEST OF "RESPONSIBLE THINKING PEOPLE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, IN A DESPATCH FROM PRAGUE, DID NOT MENTION ANGRY SCENES AROUND SOVIET TANKS, BUT SAID SOVIET TROOPS HAD EXPLAINED TO THE CITIZENS THAT THEY HAD COME TEMPORARILY BECAUSE THE COUNTRY WAS ENDANGERED BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID IT HAD RECEIVED A FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS, ~~TELEX~~ MESSAGES AND TELEPHONE CALLS FROM WITHIN EAST GERMANY SUPPORTING THE OCCUPATION.

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