

IN KEEPING WITH THIS PLEDGE, "AS IS CUSTOMARY AMONG COMMUNISTS," EAST GERMANY AND THE OTHER "FRATERNAL STATES" HAD IMMEDIATELY HEEDED THE CALL FOR HELP FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND "THE GLOBAL STRATEGY OF IMPERIALISM HAS SUFFERED A DEFEAT," BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID.

THE PAPER SPECIFICALLY ATTACKED WEST GERMANY FOR ITS ALLEGED DESIRE TO TURN CZECHOSLOVAKIA INTO "AN APPENDAGE OF THE IMPERIALIST WEST AND, THUS, TO ACCOMPLISH THE MAIN TARGET OF ITS POLICY, I.E., TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE."

IT WAS "THE GENTLEMEN IN BONN, OF ALL PEOPLE," WHO "PRESENTED THEMSELVES AS THE INVENTORS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND AS THE TRUE BENEFACTORS OF THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS," BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID AND ADDED SARCASTICALLY: "THEY ARE, INDEED, COMPETENT EXPERTS ON MATTERS OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (EXCLAIMER)."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EAST BERLIN NEWSPAPER SHARPLY CONDEMNED THE "ALLIES" OF WEST GERMANY INSIDE CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SAID THAT FOR MONTHS CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS ORGANS HAD BEEN ABLE TO CALUMNIATE AND SLANDER "THE COMMUNISTS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SOCIALIST BUILDUP."

BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID A "TRUE POGROM AGITATION AGAINST MARXIST-LENINIST FORCES" HAD BEEN RAGING AND "ANTI-SOVIETISM WAS CELEBRATING ORGIES" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION WAS ABLE TO OPENLY GET ORGANIZED IN SO-CALLED CLUBS."

IT POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE ANNIHILATION OF SOCIALISM IN THE COUNTRY WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN A SHIFTING OF THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WORLD IT WOULD HAVE BEEN "A CATASTROPHE."

THE PAPER ARGUED THAT "EUROPEAN SECURITY DEPENDS ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIALISM (AND) IS UNTHINKABLE WITHOUT SOCIALISM, AS HISTORY TEACHES US."

"TO INACTIVELY WATCH THE IMPERIALISTS PLAY WITH OUR PEACE WOULD HAVE BEEN A CRIME," THE PAPER COMMENTED AND EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, IN FAITHFUL KEEPING WITH THE BRATISLAVA DECLARATION, ACTED "UPON REQUEST OF RESPONSIBLE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS CONCERNED OVER (THE PRESERVATION OF) PEACE."

AS IN HUNGARY IN 1956, THE IMPERIALISTS HAD MISCALCULATED THEIR CHANCE, BERLINER ZEITUNG SAID.

SIMILARLY, THE "FREE GERMAN YOUTH" (FDJ) DAILY JUNGE WELT COMMENTED THAT "IMPERIALISM HAS TRIED OUT IN THE CSSR TO WHAT POINT IT CAN GET WITH ITS 'NEW OSTPOLITIK'."

SINCE YESTERDAY IT WAS CLEAR, THE PAPER ADDED: "EXACTLY TO THE POINT WHERE THE OLD OSTPOLITIK RAN AGROUND -- AT THE PROTECTIVE RAMPART OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST STATES."

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