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(RFE SPECIAL/WULFF) -- ALL WEST BERLIN MORNING PAPERS DEVOTED MOST OF THEIR SPACE TO REPORTS AND EDITORIALS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

DER TAGESSPIEGEL CARRIED A HUGE HEADLINE ON ITS FRONT PAGE SAYING "PRAGUE GOVERNMENT DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA." ALSO ON ITS FRONT PAGE TAGESSPIEGEL CARRIED A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING CROWDS AND A SOVIET TANK ON WENZELS PLATZ IN PRAGUE.

ON FOUR PAGES THE PAPER CARRIED EYEWITNESS REPORTS ON THE EVENTS IN PRAGUE AND REPORTS ON WORLD-WIDE REACTION TO THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

BERLINER MORGENPOST HEADLINED ITS FRONT PAGE "DUBCEK ABDUCTED BY SOVIETS -- PRAGUE DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPANTS." THE PAPER ALSO CARRIED A HUGE PHOTOGRAPH ON ITS FRONT PAGE SHOWING A CAPTURED SOVIET TANK WITH TWO YOUNG CZECHOSLOVAKS SITTING ON TOP OF IT. ON SIX INSIDE PAGES MORGENPOST CARRIED EXTENSIVE REPORTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND A CARTOON SHOWING STALIN LOOKING OUT OF HIS GRAVE WITH A BROAD GRIN ON HIS FACE.

WEST BERLIN'S SPD PAPER TELEGRAF DEVOTED SEVEN OF ITS 12 PAGES TO REPORTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND, LIKE THE OTHER PAPERS, CARRIED SEVERAL PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING SOVIET TANKS AND DEMONSTRATORS IN PRAGUE.

SPANDAUER VOLKSBLATT SAID "ATTACK ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA STIRS WORLD-WIDE PROTESTS" AND CARRIED THREE PHOTOGRAPHS ON ITS FRONT PAGE. ONE SHOWED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BONN READING THE TASS STATEMENT TO WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KIESINGER, ANOTHER SHOWED A SOVIET TANK IN PRAGUE AND THE THIRD ONE A CROWD AROUND A SOVIET TANK IN BRATISLAVA.

B.Z., ONE OF WEST BERLIN'S TABLOIDS, DEVOTED 17 PAGES TO REPORTS ON THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TO THE REACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

ON PAGE THREE B.Z. CARRIED A FULL-PAGE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING CROWDS ON THE STREETS OF PRAGUE STARING AT A SOVIET TANK. B.Z. HEADLINED A REPORT ON ITS PAGE TWO "30 YEARS LATER THE SONS....," DRAWING A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY HITLER AND NOW, 30 YEARS LATER, BY ULBRICHT'S FORCES."

THE TABLOID BILD ZEITUNG DEVOTED EIGHT PAGES TO REPORTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA ILLUSTRATED BY NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS. ON ITS FRONT PAGE THE PAPER CARRIED THE TEXT OF A TELEX MESSAGE RECEIVED BY A FRANKFURT FIRM YESTERDAY WHICH READ "EVERYTHING IS AT STAKE FOR US -- BE WITH US AND FOR US."

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