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X/9 C/S - TRYBUNA LUDU JUSTIFIES INVASION

WARSAW AUG 22 (UPI)-- THE POLISH PARTY NEWSPAPER TRYBUNA LUDU ATTACKED THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS TODAY FOR REVISIONISM AND "POISONING PUBLIC OPINION."

THE NEWSPAPER'S FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, HEADLINED "IN DEFENSE OF SOCIALISM, "ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT SAID: "THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BECAME UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

"WE CANNOT FORGET THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS GEOGRAPHICALLY THE MOST WESTERN SOCIALIST STATE, BORDERING ON THE (WEST) GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, A CHAIN WHICH HAS A VERY IMPORTANT MEANING IN THE SECURITY OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM."

THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN SAID, "CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION BECAME A DOMAIN OF REVISIONIST ELEMENTS OR OPENLY ANTICOMMUNIST FORCES. THE MECHANISM OF POISONING PUBLIC OPINION WITH THE FOOD OF RIGHTWING CONCEPTIONS, EMBITTERING POLEMICS AGAINST TRUE FRIENDS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS SET IN MOTION.

"IT IS NOT AN ACCIDENT THAT THE WESTERN PRESS WROTE WITH JOY THAT THE NEWS MEDIA ARE IN FACT 'AN OPPOSITION PARTY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'... OPPOSITION CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AIMING AT THE RESTORATION OF TRADITIONAL BOURGEOIS PARTIES LAUNCHED AN ATTACK AGAINST PARTY CADRES."

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