

X/4 C/S -- SOVIET COMMANDER THREATENS MEASURES AGAINST BROADCASTS

MUNICH, AUG 22 (CMD)-- RADIO FREE PRAGUE ON THE CESKE BUDEJOVICE BROADCASTING FREQUENCY SAID TODAY A SOVIET COMMANDER IN CESKE BUDEJOVICE HAS THREATENED "ADEQUATE MEASURES" IF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS AND RADIO "CONTINUE BROADCASTS AND ARTICLES OF CURRENT CONTENTS."

THE RADIO SAID THE SOVIET COMMANDER WENT WITH ANOTHER SOVIET OFFICER TO THE BUILDING OF THE SOUTH BOHEMIAN REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY "TO DISCUSS SOME QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET TROOPS ON THE TERRITORY OF OUR CITY."

ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THE DELEGATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY REGIONAL COMMITTEE DEMANDED THAT THE TWO SOVIET OFFICERS SHOULD TRANSMIT TO ^{THEIR} SUPERIORS "A CATEGORICAL DEMAND FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE FOREIGN TROOPS."

THE RADIO REPORTED, "THE SOVIET COMMANDERS PROMISED TO INFORM THEIR SUPERIOR BODIES. AT THE SAME TIME THEY DEMANDED A BAN ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS, WHICH ARE BEING HANDED TO THE (FOREIGN) TROOPS BY THE POPULATION."

THE RADIO SAID THE DELEGATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMITTEE TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THESE LEAFLETS "EXPRESS THE OPINION AND VIEWS OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE CITIZENS OF OUR REGION..."

THE RADIO REPORTED THAT THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY WAS CHALLENGED TO "COME OUT AGAINST THE PRESS AND RADIO."

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