

X/4 C/S TASS ANNOUNCEMENT ON SITUATION

MOSCOW, AUG 22 (CMD) -- THE OFFICIAL SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID IN A STATEMENT TONIGHT THAT WHILE AN ATMOSPHERE OF GENERAL CALM PREVAILED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY, THERE WERE, HOWEVER, "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" BY "ANTI-SOCIALIST SORCES IN PRAGUE."

THE STATEMENT REFERRED IN THIS CONNECTION TO THE OPERATION OF WHAT IT CALLED "CLANDESTINE RADIO STATIONS" AND THE PRINTING OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY LEAFLETS."

TASS ALSO SAID THAT "INCENDIARY POSTERS CONTAINING SLANDEROUS ATTACKS ON PROMINENT CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS, AS WELL AS ON ALLIED TROOPS, HAVE BEEN PASTED UP IN SOME PARTS OF PRAGUE."

IN ADDITION, "CARS WITH LOUDSPEAKERS TRANSMITTING CLANDESTINE RADIO BROADCASTS HAVE APPEARED IN THE STREETS."

THE NEWS AGENCY ALSO SAID THAT "NUMEROUS MEETINGS, RESOLUTIONS AND LETTERS OF WORKING PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION, OF OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TESTIFY TO A COMPLETE AND TOTAL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF THE MEASURES TAKEN IN DEFENSE OF SOCIALIST GAINS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." TASS ADDED THAT "THESE MEASURES HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED AND SOLIDARIZED WITH BY MANY COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES, BY WORKING PEOPLE AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES."

IT ALSO SAID THAT WHILE "SOME STATESMEN OF SEVERAL BOURGEOIS COUNTRIES ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE A REALISTIC POSITION," THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO "CANNOT PUT UP WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THEIR HOPES. THEY ARE CONTINUING TO CREATE AROUND THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS AN ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION AND POLITICAL HYSTERIA. THIS ESPECIALLY CONCERNS THE RULING QUARTERS OF BONN."