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IT SAID THE "BONN QUARTERS" WERE "RAGING, INVOLUNTARILY GIVING AWAY THEIR INTENTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY ALSO SAID THAT CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT MINISTERS OTA SIK, JIRI HAJEK, FRANTISEK VLASAK AND STEFAN GASPARIK, WHO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THEY WOULD DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES EVEN OUTSIDE THEIR HOME COUNTRY, HAD NOT BEEN "AUTHORIZED" BY ANYONE TO DO SO.

IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT ANYONE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHO VALUED SOCIALISM "WILL WAIVE THE CLAIMS OF BANKRUPT POLITICIANS AND THOSE WHO BACK THEM TO SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC."

IT ALSO QUOTED REPORTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS SAYING THAT "SERVICEMEN OF THE ALLIED ARMIES (OCCUPYING CZECHOSLOVAKIA) ARE DISPLAYING RESTRAINT IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION, HELPING WITH HONOUR, DIGNITY, AND A FINE SENSE OF DUTY, THE WORKING PEOPLE AND BROTHERS IN CLASS -- THE WORKING PEOPLE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA-- TO UPHOLD THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM, TO DO AWAY WITH THE THREAT ON THE SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC."

THE TROOPS "ARE OFTEN SEEN... EXPLAINING THE NOBLE GOALS" PURSUED BY THEIR PRESENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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