

X/4 C/S - IZVESTIA ATTACKS CLUB 231

MOSCOW, AUG 22 (CMD) -- THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA TONIGHT SHARPLY ATTACKED THE CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS WHICH HAVE SPRUNG UP IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SINCE JANUARY.

IT NAMED THE CLUB OF NON-PARTISANS, THE CLUB OF THE CRITICALLY-MINDED BUT RESERVED ITS STRONGEST ATTACK FOR THE CLUB 231, WHICH ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS REPORTS BY CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS MEDIA IS LARGELY MADE UP OF VICTIMS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PERSECUTIONS OF THE 1950'S.

(CMD: EARLY THIS WEEK, CZECHOSLOVAK INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID 80 SUCH ORGANISATIONS HAD APPLIED FOR LICENSES, BUT THE ONLY ONE GRANTED WAS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATION).

IZVESTIA SAID THAT CLUB 231 "RALLIED TOGETHER MORE THAN 40,000 PEOPLE, MOSTLY FROM AMONG FORMER VIOLATORS OF THE LAW, AND STATE CRIMINALS.."

IT CLAIMED THAT CLUB 231 MEMBERS INCLUDED FORMER NAZI GENERALS, S.S. OFFICERS, MINISTERS OF THE PUPPET SLOVAK STATE ESTABLISHED BY THE NAZIS, AND ALSO "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REACTIONARY CLERGY AND TRAITORS OF THE COUNTRY."

"THE FRANKLY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION "CLUB-231" WAS HEADED BY SUCH PEOPLE AS THE OLD FASCIST BRODSKY, FORMER BOURGEOIS GENERAL PALECEK, AS WELL AS SUCH AGENTS OF THE IMPERIALIST INTELLIGENCES, SENTENCED IN THEIR TIME FOR ESPIONAGE, AS RAMBOUSEK, CEH, AND OTHERS.

"THEY ARE ALL VILE AND RABID ENEMIES OF SOCIALISM", SAID IZVESTIA.

IT ALSO ATTACKED THE "CLUB OF NON-PARTY PEOPLE", SAYING THAT IT WAS "NO LESS ACTIVE IN ITS HOSTILE ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-SOVIET WORK."