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ZHUKOV SPOKE OF 1956 WHEN "SOVIET TROOPS HELPED THE BRAVE COMMUNISTS OF HUNGARY RESTRAIN THE BRAZEN FORCES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTION."

HE NAMED NONE OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS WHO HAD CONDEMNED THE OCCUPATION BUT SAID THEIR POSITION WAS "DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND" AND "INCONSISTENT."

THEY HAD BEEN "DISORIENTATED BY IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA, FAILED TO ANALYSE THE ESSENCE OF THE COMPLICATED SITUATION AND HAD HASTILY EXPRESSED THEIR DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES....." TO THE APPROVAL OF THE WESTERN PRESS.

PRAVDA GAVE NO RPT NO OTHER SPACE TO THE PROTESTS--BUT A GREAT DEAL OF SPACE TO APPROVING STATEMENTS FROM NORTH VIETNAM AND THE U.S., SYRIAN AND CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

THE MAIN PRAVDA EDITORIAL TOOK MUCH THE SAME LINE AS PREVIOUS OFFICIAL STATEMENTS JUSTIFYING THE OCCUPATION.

"NO LIES OR SLANDERS OF OUR ENEMIES CAN DISTORT THE SOLID FACT THAT THE SOVIET ARMY MEN, AS WELL AS SOLDIERS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES, HAVE COME TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS TRUE FRIENDS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE FULFILLING THEIR NOBLE INTERNATIONALIST DUTY," IT DECLARED.

"OUR PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE SOVIET TROOPS, AS WELL AS THE TROOPS OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES, ARE OFTEN HAVING TO COME INTO CONFLICT WITH LIES AND SLANDER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WITH PROVOCATIONS, ACTS OF SABOTAGE AND TERRORISM BY THE EMBITTERED ENEMIES....

"THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE WORKING CLASS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND ITS COMMUNIST PARTY, COMING OUT AT THE HEAD OF ALL PATRIOTIC FORCES IN THE COUNTRY, WILL DEAL A DECISIVE DEFEAT TO THE HOSTILE, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND WILL DEFEND THEIR SOCIALIST FOUNDATION, THEIR SOCIALIST FUTURE," IT ADDED.

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