

X/4 C/S - YUGOSLAV PRESS RAPS WARSAW PACT ACTION

MUNICH, AUG 23 (CMD) - RADIO ZAGREB SAID TODAY THE YUGOSLAV PRESS UNDERLINES THE STATEMENT OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EVENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE "THE CRUEST FORM OF TRAMPLING UNDERFOOT THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY."

THE RADIO QUOTED THE BELGRADE DAILY, BORBA, AS SAYING THAT THE DATE OF AUGUST 21, 1968 WILL BE REGISTERED IN BLACK LETTERS IN HISTORY, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE HISTORY OF SOCIALISM.

"THAT WAS A DAY OF A GRAVE TRAGEDY WHICH BY FAR GOES BEYOND THE BORDERS OF OCCUPIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH MERCILESSLY HITS ALL BASIC VALUES OF SOCIALISM, AND INFLICTS A GREATER HARM TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD THAN ONE CAN FORESEE AT THIS TIME," BORBA ADDED.

RADIO ZAGEB SAID BORBA THEN ADDED: "THE PERFORMERS OF THE INTERVENTION SHOULD AT LEAST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT FACT, THEY SHOULD SEE THAT THEY HAVE PROVOKED AGAINST THEMSELVES ALL PROGRESSIVE MANKIND, AND THEREFORE SHOULD STOP THEIR UNFORTUNATE ACTION."

BORBA SAID THAT ONE DAY WAS ENOUGH AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO SHOW THE FIRST SIGNS OF A DETERIORATION AND EVEN OF AN AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION.

"IF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOT RPT NOT URGENTLY STOPPED, HARDLY ANYBODY WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT A PROCESS OF DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH A DEVELOPMENT FALLS ONTO THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO IGNORED THE WISH OF THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE TO LIVE IN PEACE....," BORBA ADDED. (RADIO ZAGREB DOMESTIC/M, AUG 23, 0600)

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