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MOSCOW, AUGUST 23 (UPI) - THE SOVIET COMMUNISTS TODAY CHIDED WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES FOR FAILING TO SUPPORT THE MILITARY ACTION.

THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TASS AND MOSCOW NEWSPAPERS CARRIED LONG MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM NORTH VIETNAM, LATIN AMERICA AND THE U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE ONLY NON-RULING EUROPEAN PARTY TO BE QUOTED AS BACKING THE CZECHOSLOVAK ACTION WAS THE TINY LUXEMBOURG COMMUNIST GROUP.

PRAVDA'S TOP POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, YURI ZHUKOV, SAID THE "INCONSISTENT STAND BY THE LEADING MEMBERS OF SOME COMMUNIST PARTIES" WAS "DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND."

HE SAID THEY SHOWED "AN INEXPLICABLE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGER TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM STEMMING FROM THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN PRAGUE."

ZHUKOV IN A LENGTHY ARTICLE TODAY EXPRESSED FAITH "THE SOUND PATRIOTIC FORCES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA" WITH THE HELP OF THE WARSAW PACT TROOPS WOULD BRING "ANTI-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS" UNDER CONTROL.

THE FOREIGN COMRADES, HE SAID, APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN "OBVIOUSLY MISLED BY IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA."

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