

BERLIN, AUG 23 (RFE SPECIAL/SCHLEICH) -- THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS TODAY CONTINUED TO PRESENT THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY ARMED FORCES OF FIVE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AS AN ACT OF "FRIENDLY ASSISTANCE" ON THE PART OF THE "FRATERNAL COUNTRIES."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PAPERS EMPHASIZED IN THEIR REPORTS -- NONE OF WHICH WERE CARRYING A PRAGUE DATELINE AND WHICH WERE ALL BASED ON SOVIET NEWS SOURCES SUCH AS TASS AND PRAVDA -- THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK POPULATION WAS "KEEPING CALM" AND HAD RECEIVED THE "TROOPS OF THE ALLIED STATES" IN PRAGUE "WITH COMPOSURE AND COMMON SENSE ('RUHE UND VERNUNFT')."

MOREOVER, THE EAST GERMAN PRESS GAVE HEAVY PROMINENCE TO STATEMENTS OF EAST GERMAN "WORKERS BRIGADES" AND INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES SUCH AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND SEVERAL SOUTH AMERICAN PARTIES WHICH VOICED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE MOVE TO "SAVE SOCIALISM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST (SED) DAILY, SAID THAT YESTERDAY "THOUSANDS OF COLLECTIVES" IN EAST GERMANY CONTINUED TO EXPRESS THEIR APPROVAL IN TELEGRAMS TO PARTY AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS NEWSPAPERS.

HOWEVER, AMONG THE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS LISTED AND QUOTED WAS NEITHER A PROMINENT WRITER, ARTIST OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL NOR THE ENTIRE STAFF OF ANY MAJOR EAST GERMAN FACTORY. ONLY SMALL GROUPS OF WORKERS WERE QUOTED.

THE SUPPORT AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS COUPLED WITH A VIOLENT PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LIBERAL FORCES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND AGAINST WEST GERMANY WHICH WAS PICTURED AS BEING ONE OF THE "ORGANIZERS" OF THE ALLEGED "ANTI-SOCIALIST PLOT" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THUS NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AS WELL AS OTHER NEWSPAPERS MAINTAINED, INTER ALIA, THAT SPECIAL "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" UNITS OF THE WEST GERMAN BUNDESWEHR WERE DEPLOYED ALONG THE BAVARIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER ON AUG. 21. A RADIO TRANSMITTER ATTACHED TO ONE OF THESE UNITS "KEEPS BROADCASTING FICTITIOUS 'STATEMENTS' AND 'APPEALS' TO THE CSSR POPULATION ON VARIOUS FREQUENCIES SINCE WEDNESDAY NOON," THE PAPER CLAIMED.

WEST GERMAN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS WERE RELAYING THESE BROADCASTS AS "JUST-MONITORED REPORTS 'CLANDESTINE TRANSMITTERS' ALLEGEDLY STATIONED ON CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY," NEUES DEUTSCHLAND SAID AND ADDED THAT "ALREADY AT THE TIME OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN HUNGARY IN OCTOBER 1956 THE IMPERIALIST INTELLIGENCE SERVICE EMPLOYED SIMILAR METHODS."

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